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Date: February 26, 2020

Subject: **WIOA Combined State Plan 2020-2024 for Public Review and Comment**

Purpose: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is pleased to present the draft WIOA Combined State Plan for 2020-2024. The Commonwealth takes pride in the work that has been accomplished by all the Core State Partner Agencies throughout the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

This communication is to notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and Workforce Partners that the draft WIOA Combined State Plan for 2020-2024 is available online for public review and comment.

Background: Joint guidance from the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services requires states to develop a four-year strategic plan that brings together in a collaborative effort federally funded programs that provide employment and training services for adults, dislocated workers, youth and veterans, adult education and literacy programs, vocational rehabilitation programs that assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining employment, and employment programs for those on public assistance and or with barriers to employment.

The WIOA Combined State Plan for 2020-2024 is a four-year strategy document outlining the state's workforce development vision that also includes operational information for administration of programs funded by WIOA.

The State Plan Advisory Committee held a series of seven public forums on the draft State Plan in seven different regions throughout the Commonwealth from February 3 - 14, 2020. These public forums featured a joint plenary session where all partners presented on the key highlights of the draft State Plan, followed by breakout sessions led by each of the plan partners to provide attendees an opportunity to pose questions and provide feedback on the draft plan directly to agency staff. Additionally, a public webinar was conducted on February 21, 2020.

We invite you to submit your comments, questions and suggestions. All remarks are reviewed by the WIOA Partners and will help us build an inclusive and comprehensive Plan.

Action: Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/wioa-state-plan> to access the draft WIOA Combined State Plan for 2020-2024. Please submit your remarks prior to March 26, 2020.

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