



**MASSACHUSETTS
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
JOINT PARTNER COMMUNICATION**

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers
Adult Education Providers
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Offices and Providers
Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Offices and Providers
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Providers
Dept. of Transitional Assistance Offices and providers of SNAP and TANF services

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Dept of Elementary and Secondary Ed, Adult and Community Learning Services
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Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Amy Kershaw, Commissioner
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Date: February 7, 2022

Subject: WIOA State Plan Modification Review & Comment Period and Virtual Public Sessions

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of the WIOA State Plan Modification Review/Comment period and virtual public sessions.

Background: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the submission of a State Plan that includes a four-year strategy and operational plan for the continuing implementation of the state's workforce development system, with an update after two years.

Two-year modifications reflect updates to the State Plan strategies, based on changes in the labor market economic conditions or other factors affecting the implementation of the State Plan.

WIOA requires states to provide the opportunity for public comment and input which allows interested stakeholders to participate actively, effectively, and transparently in the development of the plan and the modification, including via accessible means for individuals with disabilities.

Massachusetts seeks to fulfill this requirement through a public review and comment process consisting of feedback through a web-based platform and two virtual public sessions. The public review and comment period is February 11, 2022 – February 22, 2022, as well as providing two State Plan Modification virtual public sessions on the following dates/times:

The PY2020 – 2023 Massachusetts WIOA State Plan Modification will be made available for public review and comment by COB on Friday, February 11, 2022.

The link to the PY2020 – 2023 Massachusetts WIOA State Plan Modification is located [here](#).

State Plan Modification Virtual Public Session #1

Date: Monday, February 14, 2022

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpd-CgqDwpHtK73fbfL6ohM-aEjSBNsTRI>

State Plan Modification Virtual Public Session #2

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqce6rqDgrHtP5BH35HXyD3cE1AKGzkCR9>

Both State Plan Modification virtual public sessions will be recorded.

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References: [TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER No. 04-21, Employment & Training Administration \(ETA\) - U.S. Department of Labor \(doleta.gov\)](#)

[Massachusetts WIOA Combined State Plan for Program Year 2020 – 2023](#)