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WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
JOINT PARTNER COMMUNICATION

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Policy Information

To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
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From: Alysia Ordway, Undersecretary,
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Dept of Elementary and Secondary Ed, Adult and Community Learning Services
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Department of Transitional Assistance

Date: March 27, 2026

Subject: WIOA State Plan Modification Comment Period and Virtual Public Session

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

Background: In accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Massachusetts must submit a two-year modification of the four-year [2024 - 2028 WIOA Combined State Plan](#) to the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services.

The two-year modification reflects updates to the MA WIOA State Plan strategies, based on changes in the labor market economic conditions or other factors affecting the implementation of the State Plan and is effective from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028.

The link to the draft WIOA State Plan Modification is located on the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) website.

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 comment process consisting of feedback through a web-based platform and virtual public session hosted on Zoom. The public comment period will be open from March 27, 2026, through April 25, 2026.

Public comments will be collected through email at:
stateworkforceboard@mass.gov

The State Plan Modification virtual public session will be held on the following date:

WIOA State Plan Modification Virtual Public Session

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Go to the website [Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) | Mass.gov](#) to access the Zoom link for the public comment session.

Required

Action: Please share information about the WIOA State Plan public comment period and session with respective stakeholders.

Inquiries: Public sessions inquiries can be directed to StatePlanMDCS@mass.gov.