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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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Richard Jeffers, Director  
*Department of Unemployment Assistance*  
Toni Wolf, Commissioner  
*Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission*  
David D'Arcangelo, Commissioner  
*Massachusetts Commission for the Blind*  
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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  
*Department of Transitional Assistance*

**Date:** March 28, 2022

**Subject:** **Adult Education Open and Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Responses (RFR) Announcement**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partner of the Adult Education Open and Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Responses (RFR) Announcement.

**Background:** The Adult and Community Learning Services (ACLS) Unit at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is pleased to announce **FY2024-FY2028 Multi-Year Open and Competitive RFPs** for the following adult education services:

- MassSTEP; anticipated release June 2022
- Workplace Education; anticipated release June 2022
- Adult Education and Family Literacy Services to operate Community Adult Learning Centers (CALCs) for ESOL, ABE, pre-ASE, ASE, ADP, and family literacy classes including outstationing services; anticipated release July 2022
- Adult Education in Correctional Institutions (AECIs); anticipated release July 2022
- Primary Instruction by Volunteers (PIV); anticipated release July 2022

Additionally, the Department also anticipates the release of an **FY2024-FY2028 RFR** for Pay for Performance in June 2022.

The RFPs and RFRs timeline can be found on ACLS website under [Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. The above-mentioned RFPs and RFR will also be posted there.

The Massachusetts adult education system serves as an on-ramp to the workforce development system, enabling individuals not yet ready to participate in that system with opportunities to advance students to a career pathway and employment in jobs that pay family-sustaining wages and opportunities that would be otherwise out of their reach.

**Action**

**Requested:** Please share with managers, staff, partners, and customers as appropriate.

**Effective:** Immediately