

## Regional Planning – 2020-2021

### Mid-Year Report

**Instructions:** Please submit one regional report per planning region by the due date of February 26, 2021 to [marina.r.zhavoronkova@mass.gov](mailto:marina.r.zhavoronkova@mass.gov) and [jennifer.james@mass.gov](mailto:jennifer.james@mass.gov) (please note updated due date and submission instructions). Regional planning reports should reflect both progress regions have completed to this point and future plans for the remainder of the fiscal year.

#### **Planning Region:**

#### **Date of submission:**

1. How many times have you convened your regional team?
2. For each convening, describe:
  - a. Attendees
  - b. Agenda and/or Objectives
  - c. Next steps resulting from meeting
3. What are your future plans and objectives for convenings of your regional team? How will you alter the format or content of your meetings based on the content and results of the first set of meetings this year?
4. How has your team's work adjusted this year to respond to the changing labor market as a result of COVID-19?
5. How have you continued to engage employers in the implementation of your regional plan, and how has this engagement shifted as a result of COVID-19?
6. How have you engaged with state-wide organizing structures such as the Healthcare Collaborative and the Advanced Manufacturing Consortium, and how have you linked these engagements back to the work of your regional team?
7. What new resources have you applied for as a result of working together as a team?
  - a. How did you determine the sectoral focus of those new resources?
  - b. What was the result of your application?
8. How have you increased the pipeline for your target industries/occupations this year?
  - a. How have you collaborated related to youth pipeline such as with Youth Works, Connecting Activities, Innovation Pathway programs, vocational programs including 2nd shift programs?
  - b. How have you collaborated related to adult pipeline training or workforce credential programs such as Learn to Earn, Registered Apprenticeships, Career Technical Initiative Adult Training, Adult Basic Education, Manufacturing Consortium Grants, Donnelly Workforce Success grant or college degree or certificate programs?
9. What work have you done to track the number of new pipeline spots your team has developed or wants to develop, i.e. dashboards or other tracking systems? *Please include examples of dashboards you are working on for pipeline data.*

10. Describe at least two challenges you have experienced in your work to implement your workplan and goals this year.
11. The Workforce Skills Cabinet is preparing for an active planning process to begin in 2021, both due to the significant shift in labor market conditions and the expiration of submitted regional blueprints in 2022. Reflecting back on your participation in the regional planning process from 2017 to the present, what feedback do you have for the Workforce Skills Cabinet for the development of a new regional planning framework that builds on existing work?
12. What other support or information would be useful from the Workforce Skills Cabinet?