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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: December 2, 2016

Subject: **Evaluation and Research – Building Capacity Under WIOA Webinar**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS WIOA Wednesday webinar: “[Evaluation and Research – Building Capacity Under WIOA](#)”. The event is **Wednesday, December 7th** from 3:00pm - 4:30pm.

Background: Join the U.S. Department of Labor and workforce evaluation and research experts from the state of Ohio to learn about the changing landscape of evidence-based decision making in the public workforce system. This session will:

- Describe an evidence-based evaluation and research agenda
- Explain why this agenda is relevant to WIOA
- Highlight state evaluation and research activities
- Identify current research and evaluation technical assistance needs for states
- Build support to expand state evaluation and research evaluation capacity

Topics will focus on how to build a culture and environment that fosters evaluation and research. Webinar attendees will hear from Federal and state research and evaluation experts about recent developments activities, and plans to further evaluation and research to inform decision making.

A WorkforceGPS account is required for registration. WorkforceGPS is the next generation, device-friendly website for peer-to-peer connection and resources. Click [here](#) to create a free account. Seating is limited – early registration is encouraged.

Action

Requested: Please share the information with staff and partners as appropriate.