

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**Workforce Issuance No. 14-88**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** October 17, 2014

**Subject:** Farm Entrepreneur Training

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**Purpose:** To notify local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a funding opportunity offered through the National Incubator Farm Training Initiative (NIFTI) for Farm Entrepreneur Training.

**Background:** The National Incubator Farm Training Initiative (NIFTI) provides training and support to people that are interested in becoming entrepreneurs in farming.

Their services include:

- Explore Farming class: <http://nesfp.org/farmer-training/explore-farming>
- Farm Business Planning course: <http://nesfp.org/farmer-training/farm-business-planning>
- Incubator farm program (support to new farmers for up to three growing seasons at the incubator site and transitional support to independent farm site): <http://nesfp.org/farmer-training/incubator-farm/incubator-farm-program-details>

For more information about NIFTI visit their website: <http://nesfp.org/food-systems/national-incubator-farm-training-initiative>

All incubator projects in the country are mapped here (approximately 20 in ETA Region 1 states): <http://nesfp.org/nifti/map>

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