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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: June 8, 2017

Subject: **Improving Statewide Data Integration, Sharing and Use Webinar**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the WorkforceGPS webinar: [*Improving Statewide Data Integration, Sharing and Use*](#) on Wednesday, June 14th from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Background: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) relies on robust state workforce and education systems data to measure performance. This presentation will highlight the diverse approaches that three states are undertaking to create integrated data systems through partnerships between community colleges and the workforce system.

WIOA encourages the use of quality workforce and education data to inform the training and education decisions of job seekers and the targeting of federal investments yet, developing the systems to collect, share, and use reliable data from multiple sources, as well as assembling the partnerships needed to implement such systems can be challenging. Representatives from Massachusetts, Missouri, and Kansas have pursued very different strategies for improving statewide data integration and use.

In this webinar the presenters will discuss the types and sources of data that they are collecting, their data collection methods, and the ways (both intended and

unintended) in which they are using this data. They will also discuss how they developed regional, industry-aligned partnerships to support their data integration efforts, sharing challenges and lessons learned along the way. The highlighted efforts are being developed as part of Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grants.

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