MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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☐ Policy **☑** Information

To: Workforce Investment Board Chairs

Workforce Investment Board Directors

Title I Administrators **Career Center Directors DCS** Operations Managers Veterans Services Staff

From: Alice Sweeney, Director

Department of Career Services

Date: April 16, 2014

Subject: Information Regarding Jobs for Veterans' State Grants (JVSG) Program

TEGL No. 19-13

Purpose:

To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 19-13 and Veterans Program Letter (VPL) 03-14 posted by the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) office and Veterans Employment and Training (VETS) April 10, 2014. This TEGL and VPL identifies for the public workforce system:

- the refocused roles and responsibilities expected to be carried out by JVSG
- conveys the duties they are to perform; and
- the relationship of services provided by staff within the larger workforce system.

Background: DOL-funded employment and training programs assisted in serving 1.6 million Veterans from July 2011 to June 2012. Veterans and other covered persons receive priority of service for all employment and training programs funded directly, in whole or in part, by DOL, as provided in 20 CFR Part 1010. These include many of the programs operated by the American Job Centers/One-Stop Career Centers, nationwide that serve as the cornerstone of the nation's workforce investment system.

> While DOL continues to meet the employment and training needs of Veterans, it recognizes that changes in workforce programs' service delivery strategies to Veterans are needed to respond to the forecasted increase in Veterans, including men and women transitioning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, to the

civilian labor force. The workforce system must respond to this increase while continuing to serve existing Veterans and other non-Veteran job seekers. Additionally, changes may be needed to ensure that workforce programs are aligned with the roles and functions established in their authorizing legislation.

Action

Required: DCS is disseminating information regarding TEGL No. 19-13 and

VPL 03-14, "Jobs for Veterans' State Grants (JVSG) Program Reforms and Roles and Responsibilities of American Job Center (AJC) Staff Serving Veterans" for **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** – **no action is required at this time.** DCS is in the process of evaluating the information to determine whether any practices should be revised in accordance with this policy. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Attachment: Veterans' Program Letter No. 03-14

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