

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

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

**Date:** January 14, 2016

**Subject:** **Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release through Specialized American Job Centers (LEAP-2) – Funding Opportunity**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity through the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) for the reintegration of ex-offenders. FOA-ETA-16-03, *Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release through Specialized American Job Centers (LEAP-2)*, is a pilot program is to provide incarcerated individuals with workforce services prior to release and link them to a continuum of services offered through their community-based AJCs post-release.

**Background:** These grants are job-driven and build connections to local employers that will enable transitioning offenders to secure employment.

**Grant Notice:** [FOA-ETA-16-03](#)

**Eligible Applicants:** Local Workforce Development Boards\*\*

**Application Deadline:** February 26, 2016

**Number of Awards:** 10

**Total Program Funding:** \$5,000,000

**Award Ceiling:** \$500,000

*\*\* In partnership with county or municipal governments and county, municipal, or regional correctional facilities*

**Action:** Please contact Tim Dooling at [tdooling@detma.org](mailto:tdooling@detma.org) with any questions and/or if you are planning to develop an application for these funds.