

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development 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:** September 20, 2017

**Subject:** **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other workforce partners that October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

**Background:** Observed each October, NDEAM is a national campaign that celebrates individuals with disabilities and their contributions and achievements to America's workforce. Reflecting the important role that different perspectives play in workforce success, the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) created this year's theme with input from a wide variety of its partner organizations, including those representing employers, people with disabilities and their families, and federal, state, and local agencies. ODEP offers a range of resources to help organizations plan NDEAM observances, including not only the official poster in English and Spanish, but also sample articles, a news release, proclamation and social media content. These resources can be found on ODEP's website at [www.dol.gov/ndeam](http://www.dol.gov/ndeam).

The official poster for [National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2017](#) is now available to order for free in [print](#) or [electronic copy](#) in English and Spanish from the ODEP website.

## Action

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