

Mass Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIA State Partners

From: George Moriarty, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: August 29, 2012

Subject: New Five-Year State DOL Program Plan for Review and Comment

Purpose: To announce the opportunity for workforce development stakeholders to review and provide commentary on Massachusetts' State Integrated Workforce Plan for Workforce Investment Act Title I/Wagner-Peyser Act and Department of Labor Workforce Programs, for Program Years 2012 – 2016.

Public comment on the State Plan will be accepted through 12:00 p.m. September 12, 2012.

Background: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, as amended, requires that the governor of each state submit a WIA Title I/Wagner-Peyser (W-P) Act State Plan to the U. S. Department of Labor (USDOL) that outlines a five-year strategy for its workforce investment system. States must have approved State Plans in place to receive formula allotments under WIA or financial assistance under W-P. The State Plan for Program Years 2012 - 2016 must be submitted to USDOL by September 14, 2012.

In accordance with 20 CFR Part 661.220 and regulations governing the implementation and administration of the Workforce Investment Act, Massachusetts is providing the opportunity for public comment on and input into the development of the State Plan prior to its submission.

The Plan is comprised of three main sections:

- 1) State Workforce Strategic Plan – the elements of this section represent the high-level vision, goals, economic and workforce analysis, strategies and outcomes that the governor and strategic partners collaboratively identified for the states' future. The elements of this section are intended to serve as a vehicle for the governor, state workforce investment board, and other partners to identify broad goals and strategies for the state.
- 2) State Operational Plan – this section clarifies how specific workforce programs will operationalize, administer, and implement systems and structures to achieve the vision, strategies and goals identified by the Strategic Plan.
- 3) Assurances – in which the state assures the Department that it is complying with applicable law.

Action: The State Plan was developed by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the Department of Career Services, as the designated state agency responsible for the administration and oversight of Title I of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act. Input for the State Plan was gathered through the 21st Century Visioning process described in Section I of the Plan.

Input is being sought from state and local workforce development partners, including chief elected officials, business, labor and community-based organizations.

The Massachusetts State Integrated Workforce Plan for Workforce Investment Act Title I/Wagner-Peyser Act and Department of Labor Workforce Programs, for Program Years 2012 – 2016 may be accessed at <http://www.massworkforce.org/StatePlan/Index.htm> or by contacting Lisa Caissie at Lcaissie@detma.org or (617) 626-5691.

Comments may be submitted electronically to: PolicyQA@detma.org or in writing to the address below. Public input will be reviewed and incorporated, as appropriate, prior to final submission. All comments will be attached to the final FY13 State Plan.

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