

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 14-87

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

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: October 15, 2014

Subject: **New Funding Opportunity through the Job Driven (JD) NEG**

Purpose: To notify local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a funding opportunity offered through the Job Driven (JD) National Emergency Grant (NEG) for Work Based Training (WBT).

Background: The JD NEG recently awarded to Massachusetts, performance period from July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016, offers the opportunity to expand current and pilot new models of training through innovative project design. The Massachusetts award provides funding for:

Individualized Training Accounts
Registered Apprenticeship
On-The-Job Training
Innovative Work Based Training (WBT) Models

Local areas interested in pursuing Innovative Work Based Training models for eligible participants will provide an application for their proposed project for:

- a. Creation or expansion of customized training programs in partnership with an employer or multiple employers from a similar industry sector (not incumbent worker training).

- b. Expansion of existing career pathways programs that align adult education, career and technical education, occupational skills training, soft skills and supportive services.
- c. Expansion of accelerated learning models, such as contextualized learning models that combine career content with basic skills development, leading to faster course completion and matriculation into employment and/or higher level training.

A first round of applications will be accepted through November 7, 2014. Return completed applications, to Jason Albert at jalbert@detma.org. If funds permit, a second round may be available in January 2015. Applications will be reviewed by a panel on a first come first served basis.

Action

Required: Local Workforce Investment Boards, Career Center Operators and Workforce Partners should ensure that their staffs are made aware of this funding opportunity through the JD NEG.

Inquiries: Please email all questions to Jason Albert Jalbert@detma.org. Please reference this MassWorkforce Issuance number in your inquiry.

Attachment: Application for funds to implement an Innovative Work Based Training Model