

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: March 7, 2016

Subject: **Postsecondary Education Center for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing - Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity through the Department of Education (DOE), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

Background: The purpose of this priority is to fund a cooperative agreement to establish and operate a Postsecondary education center for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Center will support postsecondary education through its work with institutions, State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies, VR service providers, and other relevant organizations and public agencies, to more effectively address the postsecondary, vocational, technical, continuing, and adult education needs of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, including those who have co-occurring disabilities, and those who are English learners.

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have unique communication and language barriers that require a range of accommodations for success in postsecondary education and training settings.

Grant Notice:	ED-GRANTS-030416-001
Eligible Applicants:	SEAs; LEAs, Institutions of Higher Ed; Public/ Private Nonprofit Organizations
Application Deadline:	April 18, 2016
Number of Awards:	1
Total Program Funding:	\$4,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$4,000,000
Project Period:	Up to 36 months with an optional 24 months based on performance

Action

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