

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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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: May 16, 2016

Subject: **Raise the Bar Hire 2016 Conference and Career Fair**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of Work Without Limits Raise the Bar Hire 2016 Conference and Career Fair, October 25th and 26th.

Background: Work Without Limits, a program of The University of Massachusetts Medical School, is a statewide network of engaged employers and innovative collaborative partners that aims to increase employment among individuals with disabilities. Their goal is to position Massachusetts as the first state in the nation where the employment rate of people with disabilities is equal to that of people without disabilities.

The Raise the Bar Hire 2016 Conference is scheduled for Tuesday October 25th from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1125 Boston-Providence Turnpike/Route 1, in Norwood. The conference will feature keynote addresses, exhibitors, networking opportunities, and breakout sessions for a full day of learning, sharing and engaging with industry leaders.

Day 2, October 26th, a half day career fair will be held from 8:00am to 12:00pm where job seekers with disabilities can meet and network with some of Massachusetts' leading employers. The career fair will also be held at the Four Points by Sheraton.

Employers, employment service providers, state agencies, people with disabilities and family members are encouraged to attend.

Action

Requested: Please share with staff and partners as appropriate. For additional details and registration please visit: www.raisethebar2016.org.