

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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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: July 6, 2017

Subject: **Raise the Bar HIRE 2017 Conference and Career Fair**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of Work Without Limits *Raise the Bar HIRE 2017* Conference and Career Fair, October 5th and 6th.

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 2017 Conference is scheduled for Thursday October 5th from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the DCU Center, 50 Foster Street in Worcester. 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 6th, 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 DCU Center in Worcester.

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.raisethebar2017.org/register.