

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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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:** January 18, 2017

**Subject:** SkillsCommons.org - Open Source Curricula for Workforce Development Available

**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Training and Employment Notice [\(TEN\) 22-16](#) announcing the availability of [www.SkillsCommons.org](http://www.SkillsCommons.org) – open source educational resources to train adults for occupations in 16 high-demand fields including manufacturing, healthcare, energy, and Information Technology (IT).

**Background:** The USDOL's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training ([TAACCCT](#)) grant program has created a repository called *SkillsCommons* to provide openly licensed learning materials and program support materials for job-driven workforce development in key sectors such as manufacturing, healthcare, energy, and IT. All 256 TAACCCT grantees, involving nearly 700 of the nation's community colleges, are contributing materials and the collection will continue to grow. All teaching, learning, and supporting materials on *SkillsCommons* are available under a [Creative Commons](#) license that allows anyone – not just grantees – to use and adapt these materials, with attribution, at no cost.

## Action

**Requested:** Please share the availability of these resources with staff, workforce training providers, especially community colleges and entities designated as Eligible Training Providers under WIOA.