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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: January 21, 2016

Subject: State Plan Available for Review and Comment

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that the final draft of the State Plan has been posted on <http://www.mass.gov/massworkforce/state-plan/>, for the review and comment period.

Background: The current draft of the Massachusetts WIOA State Plan (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020) is organized based upon the draft Planning Guidance from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). The current draft retains the USDOL questions (grey highlight text) required within the State Plan. Massachusetts will update the State Plan to reflect changes in the Planning Guidance pending final federal approval and issuance of the WIOA State Planning Guidance by USDOL expected in the spring of 2016.

Additional refinement of the Plan will continue until March of 2016 based upon the final Planning Guidance from USDOL. This includes a final review by each state agency engaged in the planning process to ensure that the Plan complies with the final federal regulations issued by federal partner agencies including: the US Department of Labor; US Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education and Rehabilitation Services Administration, and; the Administration for Children and Families.

The Draft Massachusetts WIOA Plan will be reviewed through a public comment period from January 20th through February 19th. In addition, the Massachusetts Workforce Development Board must review and vote to approve the Plan prior to submission in March of 2016.

Action: Please send comments and questions using the online form. Submissions will be sent to stateplan@detma.org.