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| То:         | Chief Elected Officials<br>Workforce Board Chairs<br>Workforce Board Directors<br>Title I Administrators<br>Career Center Directors<br>Title I Fiscal Officers<br>DCS Operations Managers   |
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| сс:         | WIOA State Partners   |
| From:       | Alice Sweeney, Director<br>Department of Career Services  |
| Date:       | March 25, 2016  |
| Subject:    | The Customer Centered Design Challenge Launch   |
| Purpose:    | To notify Chief Elected Officials (CEOs), Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards); One Stop Career Center Operators and other Local Workforce Development Partners of an upcoming webinar on the launch of the Customer Centered Design Challenge.  |
| Background: | WIOA implementation gives states and local governments huge opportunities to<br>step back from business as usual and, with the customer in mind, design services<br>for their customers. By using the principles of Human Centered Design, in<br>practice used in the private sector and increasingly in government, the workforce<br>system will learn to produce better outcomes and higher customer satisfaction.            |
|             | Design Thinking is a practical, repeatable approach to arriving at innovative solutions. Think of it as a step-by-step guide to unleashing your creativity, putting the people you serve at the center of your design process to come up with new answers to difficult problems.  |
|             | The Customer Centered Design Challenge teaches methods to design government<br>services by looking first at what a customer needs. This revolutionary approach<br>will build the capacity of the workforce system to better empathize with job<br>seekers, employers who need skilled workers, and out of school youth, and to<br>design more personalized services to help them get the skills, workers and jobs<br>they need. |
|             | This webinar is the launch of a bigger initiative designed to engage workforce leadership throughout the country in a three-month process. Through your   |

participation in this webinar, you will learn how you can address design challenges. You will also learn how you and your partners

#### The Audience:

- Organizations implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- People who are designing services, writing Request for Proposals (RFPs), etc.
- Partners who serve a broad range of customers
- State and local workforce agencies who want better outcomes
- All one-stop partner programs

#### **Presenters:**

**Daniel Correa**, Senior Advisor, Innovation Policy, Technology & Innovation Division, Office of Science & Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

**Byron Zuidema**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

**Virginia Hamilton**, Regional Administrator, Region 6 (San Francisco), Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

D'Angelo Johnson, Agency Wide Trainer, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

**Sondra Howell**, Director of Workforce Development, Memphis Bioworks Foundation

Nancy Saengjeang, Santa Barbara Workforce Resource Center

Andre Schoor, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency

**Date:** March 28, 2016

Time: 1:30pm ET (12:30pm/Central, 11:30am/Mountain, 10:30am/Pacific)

#### **Length:** 90 minutes

Registration for this webinar is limited and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register today!

#### **Register Now**

You're Invited to the Webinar The Customer Centered Design Challenge Launch

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