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# Workforce Investment Act

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Regional Directors for Workforce Integration  
DCS Associate Directors  
DCS Field Managers

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Susan V. Lawler, Commissioner  
Division of Career Services

**Date:** September 15, 2005

**Subject:** Trade Adjustment Assistance Mileage Reimbursement Rate Change

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other workforce investment partners of a change in the mileage reimbursement rate for Trade Program customers.

**Background:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5707(b) the General Services Administration sets the Federal travel reimbursement rates. The Trade Adjustment Assistance program regulation at 617.28(b) requires Trade eligible customers who are participating in approved training programs outside their normal commuting area to be reimbursed for travel costs at an amount not to exceed the lesser of the actual cost of transportation by the least expensive means that is reasonably available or the cost per mile at the prevailing mileage rate authorized under the Federal Travel regulations. The Federal rate cannot exceed the rate set by the Internal Revenue Service, which raised its standard mileage rate from 40.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents per mile on September 1, 2005.

The Massachusetts Trade Adjustment Assistance program will reimburse Trade customers eligible for travel cost reimbursement at this new rate of 48.5 cents per

mile for use of a privately owned vehicle. The change is effective as of the September 1, 2005 date of publication.

Those TAA customers currently receiving travel allowances will receive notice of this change from the DCS Trade Unit. Any modification to a TAA customer's current travel allowances necessitated by the change in reimbursement rate will be made by DCS. Please note that TAA eligible customers for whom travel reimbursement was previously approved and who have reached their "reasonable cost" contract total of \$25,000 will not receive an increase in their reimbursement rate.

**Action**

**Required:** Please assure that all appropriate staff are notified of the contents of this issuance.

**Effective:** September 1, 2005

**Inquiries:** Any questions related to this correspondence should be directed to Beth Goguen at [bgoguen@detma.org](mailto:bgoguen@detma.org) or 617- 626-6053.

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