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**To:**      Chief Elected Officials
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**cc:**      WIOA State Partners

**From:**      Alice Sweeney, Director
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**Date:**      October 21, 2016

**Subject:**      **Utilizing Free Online Educational Resources on the SkillsCommons.org Repository, Part I - Introduction Webinar**

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**Purpose:**      To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a training event through WorkforceGPS: *"Utilizing Free Online Educational Resources on the Skills Commons.org Repository: Part I - Introduction"* live webinar.  The event is **Thursday, November 3rd** from 3:00pm-4:30pm.

**Background:**  If an institution is looking for curriculum to develop a workforce development program, the US Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program has created a free and open online library called **SkillsCommons** containing learning materials and program support materials for job-driven workforce development.  The Open Educational Resources (OER) are produced by community colleges across the nation and can be found, reused, revised, retained, redistributed and remixed by individuals, institutions, and industry.

This webinar is the first in a two-part webinar series focused on the resources and services available on **SkillsCommons.org**.  Any provider of workforce development training can reuse these Open Educational Resources (OER) to support their training mission more cost-effectively and efficiently.  Examples of OER reuse by TAACCCT grantees will also be showcased.  Participants will

learn how to get connected with people, technologies, and resources they can leverage to help achieve their project goals.  **Register Now for Part II - Utilizing Free Online Educational Resources on the SkillsCommons.org Repository: Part II – Makeover**

A WorkforceGPS account is required for registration.  WorkforceGPS is the next generation, device-friendly website for peer-to-peer connection and resources.  Click here to create a free account.  Seating is limited – early registration is encouraged.

**Action Requested:**    Please share the information with staff and partners as appropriate.