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To: Chief Elected Officials
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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: February 27, 2017

Subject: **Work Without Limits Call for Breakout Session Presentations**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that Work Without Limits is seeking proposals for Breakout Session Presentations at this year's 'Raise the Bar HIRE!' Conference on **October 5, 2017**.

Background: [Work Without Limits](#), a program of The University of Massachusetts Medical School, is a statewide network of engaged employers and innovative, collaborative partners that aims to increase employment among individuals with disabilities. Their goal is to position Massachusetts as the first state in the nation where the employment rate of people with disabilities is equal to that of people without disabilities. The Work Without Limits Annual Conference is designed for employers, providers, colleges/universities, individuals with disabilities and family members to participate in a full-day of learning and networking on the best practices around advancing the employment of people with disabilities in Massachusetts.

Presentations must be related to the field of the employment of people with disabilities. All proposals must be submitted via the following link: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3342581/WWLCONF>. Proposal deadline is Friday, April 14, 2017, 5:00pm EST. For questions, please contact Michelle Nowers at michelle.nowers@umassmed.edu or 508-856-8359.

Action

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