

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
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:** November 20, 2017

**Subject:** **Transitional Sheltering Assistance Available to Residents of Puerto Rico**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that FEMA and the government of Puerto Rico recently announced Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) is available to Puerto Ricans who are unable to return to their homes because they are displaced as a result of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This is one of several short-term housing options offered to meet the demand for post-storm safe housing.

**Background:** Transitional Sheltering Assistance allows eligible applicants to shelter in a hotel or motel, for a limited period of time, as a bridge to immediate and longer-term housing. FEMA pays all costs for rooms and taxes through direct payments to participating hotels and motels. To find participating hotels, visit [www.femaevachotels.com/index.php](http://www.femaevachotels.com/index.php). Please see Attachment A for the entire press release and eligibility requirements.

## Action

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

**Attachments:** A. FEMA Press Release – Transitional Sheltering Assistance Available to Residents of Puerto Rico Displaced by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.