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To: Chief Elected Officials

Workforce Development Board Chairs Workforce Development Board Directors

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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director

Department of Career Services

Date: December 13, 2017

Subject: Disability Inclusion – Building a Strong Workforce Summit - Save the Date

Purpose: To request Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center

Operators and other local workforce partners to save the date of March 1, 2018

for the Disability Inclusion - Building a Strong Workforce Summit.

Background: The Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) State Partners (UMass Medical

Center, Work Without Limits, and UMass Boston, Institute for Community Inclusion) are collaborating to offer workshops for Workforce Development Professionals, including Business Service Representatives, Career Counselors, Disability Resource Coordinators, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program staff and other One-Stop Career Center and Workforce Board staff and Directors. The program will include speakers, a panel presentation, small group activities and breakout sessions. This event is still in the planning stages – potential workshops being considered include:

- Guide Post for Success
- Individual Learning Plan as a Valuable Career Development Tool
- DEI Best Practices
- Ticket to Work Program
- Benefits Counseling (BenePLAN)

- Implementing Section 188
- Employer Engagement

• Career Pathways

When: Thursday, March 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: College of the Holy Cross

1 College Street

Worcester, MA 01610

Cost: This event is provided at no cost to participants through the MA

DEI Grants.

Capacity: The first 70 Workforce Development Professionals who register.

Registration details are forth coming. This is a Save the Date notification.

Inquiries: Please direct inquires to Jason Albert at <u>Jason.Albert@MassMail.State.MA.US</u>

Attachment: Save the Date flyer