

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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Workforce Board Directors
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Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 9, 2018

Subject: **Call for Ideas: Apprenticeship Expansion Continuation Funding**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity, *Apprenticeship Expansion Continuation Funds*, through the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or the Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Background: In November 2016, Massachusetts EOLWD/DCS, in partnership with Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS), was awarded \$1.5 M by DOL/ETA for the purpose of expanding the number of registered apprenticeship (RA) programs in construction and trade and in new industries and expanding participation in RA from underrepresented opportunities. Massachusetts, and other states awarded Apprenticeship Expansion Grants are now invited to apply for continuation funding.

Application Deadline:	April 23, 2018
Potential Funding:	\$ 1,816,649
Period of Performance:	Award would extend the POP on the current grant to Fall 2020.

DOL's vision for the funds is for recipients to build on the work done with funds from the initial round of funding by:

- Developing an enduring, sustainable apprenticeship system within the US;
- Supporting well-paying, middle- & high-skilled, and high-growth jobs across a range of industries;

- Implementing quality program design and support retention and completion for apprentices; and
- Developing and expanding regional workforce partnerships.

Action

Requested:

Massachusetts EOLWD/DCS will submit an application for this continuation Apprenticeship Expansion Grant funding opportunity. To build a strong application we are requesting ideas from state partners and the local workforce development system on how to best expand Registered Apprenticeship across the state and build up on the work done so far with funds from previous DOL funded apprenticeship grants. Please review the FOA for an explanation of allowable activities, and send your ideas/inputs to Christina Gregory by email at Christina.Waite@MassMail.State.MA.US no later than close of business on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Attachment: SAE Continuation Funding

Reference: 100 DCS 22.102: ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grants
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massworkforce-wioa-apprenticeship-information-issuances>