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: April 20, 2018

Subject: Funding Opportunity for Customers: Retail Technology National Dislocated Worker Grant Extension

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and partners of the extension of the Retail Technology National Dislocated Worker Grant through September 30, 2018.

Background: Massachusetts was awarded $2,563,789 for the Retail Technology National Dislocated Worker Grant. The Metro North Regional Employment Board is responsible for grant performance, ensuring eligibility of customers, quarterly reporting, and closeout.

The four companies involved in the Retail Technology National Dislocated Workers Grant include:

- EMC (Hopkinton, MA)
- BOSE, (Westborough, MA)
- Gannett Publishing (Norwood, MA)
- Staples HQ (Framingham, MA)
**Action Required:** Please ensure that all staff are aware of the availability of grant funds for customers laid off from the subject companies. In addition, OSCCs are eligible to earn “voucher payments” for serving individuals related to this grant.

**Inquiries:** Questions regarding the grant can be directed to:

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