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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:	April 25, 2018
Subject:	**Nursing & Allied Health Grants 2018 – Bid Solicitation**

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Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a Bid Solicitation, *Nursing & Allied Health Education Workforce Development 2018,* through the MA Department of Higher Education, COMMBUYs Bid Number: BD-18-1088-RGT01-25648.

Background: The Department of Higher Education's (DHE) Nursing and Allied Health Initiative facilitates public and private partnerships among higher education faculty and executives, health care employers, industry associations and other key stakeholders. This initiative also sponsors, leads and coordinates statewide and regional pilot innovation projects to increase the supply of qualified nurses and allied health professionals, increases the capacity of nursing faculty in higher education institutions, and reforms curriculum to address emerging industry requirements for healthcare quality improvements.

The DHE has been appropriated funding in FY18 of which $100,000 is available to support Nursing and Allied Health grants as follows:

Nursing: A total of $65,000 to be allocated for up to two grant awards
Allied Health: A total of $35,000 to be allocated for one grant award

For additional information, please review the bid solicitation via the COMMBUYs link above, Attachment A – Instructions and Guidance and Attachment B – Bid Template.

Action Requested: Please share the information regarding this funding opportunity with management, staff and partners as appropriate.

Attachments: **A.** Instructions and Guidance
B. Bid Template