

**Workforce Development News for ABE LWIB Representatives
June, 2009**

HOT NEWS!

ACLS Grants (Fund Code 342) to Local Workforce Boards for Career Center Support: Grant applications are due on **August 3rd** for FY10 funding to local Workforce Boards for Career Center Support. Guidance, including grant forms, can be found on the ESE web site under “Grants”. Funding cuts of **5%** were implemented for next year’s funding allocations across all ACLS grant initiatives **UNDER \$150,000** (including ALL grants to workforce boards for career center support). Grants over \$150,000 received a 10% cut.

COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION

Go to www.commcorp.org to read the new report “**Some Impacts of the National Economic Crisis on the Massachusetts Labor Market**” by Paul Harrington and Neeta Fogg of Northeastern University’s Center for Labor Market Studies.

MA Unemployment Rate Goes Up

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce development reported on May 21st that the state’s unemployment rate increased to 8.0% in April from 7.7% in March. The national unemployment rate stands at 8.9%.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Regional allocations under ARRA to local workforce boards were announced by Governor Deval Patrick on May 27, 2009. Go to <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=elwdpressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Elwd&b=pressrelease&f=consolidated&csid=Elwd> to read the press release. Contact your regional workforce board for information about local processes for training under ARRA. Go to www.massworkforce.com for contact information for your workforce development region.

MA Workforce Board Association News – www.massworkforce.com

The newly elected chair of the MA Workforce Board Association is William Tinti, Chair of the North Shore Workforce Board. Mr. Tinti succeeds John Lipa, former chair of the Berkshire WIB, who served for five years as the Board Association Chairperson. Mr. Lipa will continue as a member of the Board, as the past chair was voted in as a member of the Board.

Ashburton Place Seminars: Friday, June 26, 2009 at Suffolk University, Room 479/429, Sawyer Building, 8 Ashburton Place, Boston MA - free public seminar from the MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and Suffolk University. Opening remarks by Secretary Suzanne Bump. Seminars by Suffolk University faculty and workforce development professionals. RSVP to Eliza Parrish, Director, Alumni Relations, Sawyer Business School, Suffolk University. eparrish@suffolk.edu, 617-994-4231.

Important HEARING

The **Joint Task Force on the Underground Economy** to hold hearing on **The Underground Economy in Boston: Friday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**, Bunker Hill Community College, Lecture Hall C202, Second Floor C building, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Boston, MA 02129. Event will be facilitated by Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development Suzanne Bump and Director of Labor, George Noel.

To attend or participate, please contact Linnea Walsh at linnea.walsh@state.ma.us or 617-727-4900, Ext. 224.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Career Development Association Global Conference will be held on June 30 – July 3, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency at Union Square, St. Louis, Missouri. For info, go to www.ncda.org.

Network 2009 will be held in Marlboro on October 22 and 23, 2009. Contact Kenny Tamarkin for more information at ktamarkin@mcae.net, or go to www.mcae.net for details.

One-Stop Career Center Events

BOSTON: Know Your Rights – Lawyers are available at **JobNet** on the last Thursday of every month between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. Call 617-338-0909 for an appointment. For help with CORI or background checks, a recent copy of criminal record **MUST** be brought to the meeting.

PLYMOUTH: June 17, 9:30 – 12:00 noon – Career Fair with employers from multiple industries; Plymouth Career Center, 36 Cordage Park, Plymouth, MA. For information, call 508-732-5300 or go to www.plymouthcareercenter.org.

FRAMINGHAM: Sheraton Hotel, Framingham on June 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Career Education Information Fair hosted by Employment & Training Resources. Representatives of 70+ schools that offer short-term employment training programs will be available to share information. To register, go to www.etcc.com

NATICK: June 19, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Professional Workforce Career Fair at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Boston – Natick, 1360 Worcester Street, Natick, MA.

NEWTON: June 22 and July 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - MBTA Career Opportunities – Four orientations will be held at the Newton Career Center about employment opportunities with the MBTA. For information, call 617-928-0530.

Local Workforce Board News

The following regions have implemented e-news mailings: North Shore WIB, Hampden County REB, Greater Lowell WIB. Contact your WIB/REB/PIC office to access the latest news from your region. Go to www.massworkforce.com to check the state map for contact information on your region.

Publications

Getting Back on Track: Effects of a Community College Program for Probationary Students was published in April 2009 by mdrc. Authors are Susan Scrivener, Colleen Sommo, and Herbert Collado. Go to <http://www.mdrc.org/publications/514/overview.html> for more information.

P-21 News

Find **Pathways to Success by 21** Information at <http://resources21.org>.

RESEARCH

JFF Newswire – Jobs for the Future disseminates information in a variety of publications related to “next steps for students” (For info, go to www.jff.org)

Lumina Foundation – sign up for Lumina Foundation News at www.luminafoundation.org. Find reports on the achievement gap, community college access, financial aid and other important topics.

Public Private Ventures – www.ppv.org – Download the latest report “Job Training that Works: Findings from the Sectoral Employment Impact Study”.

The Aspen Institute – Sign up for the Aspen/EOP e-news at www.aspeneop@aspennst.org. E-news is disseminated quarterly to provide news and information about the projects that make up the Fund for Innovation, Effectiveness, Learning, and Dissemination, the Workforce Strategies Initiative (WSI), and the Access to Capital and Credit project.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Commonwealth Workforce Coalition

Carol Bower, formerly of Northeast SABES, has been appointed as Director of the Commonwealth Workforce Coalition (CWC).

SABES

UPDATED Career Awareness Curriculum Guide

The newly revised Guide on Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE & ESOL Classroom, developed by Martha Oesch and Carol Bower, is now available on the SABES website. The National Center on College Transitions funded the revision of the guide to include more information on the topic of transition to college. Available for download and on CD! www.sabes.org.

Contact your **SABES Workforce Coordinator** for information on SABES WFD activities. Laurie Sheridan is the statewide SABES Workforce Coordinator; Contact her at 617-482-9485 or ls Sheridan@worlded.org. Go to www.sabes.org and scan the calendar for workforce related sessions. SABES Workforce Development Specialists include Dori McCormack at SABES West; Cathy Gannon at Central SABES, Kathleen Howell at SABES SE, Patricia Pelletier at SABES NE, and John Zhang at the ALRI.

For more information on the ACLS Workforce Development Specialty, contact Andrea Perrault, ACLS Workforce Development Specialist at 781-338-3852 or e-mail at aperrault@doe.mass.edu.