

## Workforce Development Update December, 2009

### HOT NEWS!

**Secretary Suzanne Bump** resigned as Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development effective December 2, 2009. Nancy Snyder, President of Commonwealth Corporation, was appointed Acting Secretary by Governor Patrick. Rebekah Lashman has been appointed Acting President of Commonwealth Corporation.

**Learn at Work Program** – \$1.4 M in workplace basic education grants is available; go to [www.commcorp.org](http://www.commcorp.org) for RFP information. **Deadline is December 23, 2009.**

**National Center on Education and the Economy:** New Publication: “Guide to Adult Education for Work: Transforming Adult Education to Grow a Skilled Workforce”; access at [www.jff.org](http://www.jff.org)

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Information** – To access information about ARRA funding in Massachusetts, go to [www.mass.gov/recovery](http://www.mass.gov/recovery). *Citizens' Update* details the use and progress of the state's ARRA funding to date. The Office of Vocational and Adult Education's *Thursday Notes* last month highlighted the funds targeted to adult literacy in the New Bedford region.

**JobQuest** – <https://web.detma.org/JobQuest>

Sponsored by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, this free online service provides information on employment and training opportunities throughout the Commonwealth.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MA Workforce Board Association News** – [www.massworkforce.com](http://www.massworkforce.com)

The holiday quarterly meeting of the MA Workforce Board Association will be held on December 15, 2009 and will focus on the growing film industry in Massachusetts.

**Commonwealth Workforce Coalition** –

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference, “Sharing Skills – Building Connections”, will be held on March 10, 2009 at the DCU Center in Worcester. To be on the mailing list to receive information, contact Rebecca Harris at [rharris@cedac.org](mailto:rharris@cedac.org).

### Local WIB News

#### Lowell

The Greater Lowell Workforce Board will meet on December 15, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Radisson Inn in Chelmsford.

#### Career Center Events

Monday, Dec. 14, 12:00 noon; **Census Employment Test** for the position of Partnership Specialist at JobNet in Boston; **Registration is required; Call 1-866-861-2010 to register.** You must bring TWO forms of identification: Passport, Drivers License, State ID, Social Security Card. Census jobs offer paid training, temporary part-time and full-time jobs, mileage reimbursement, assignments of 5-10 weeks.

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 – **Workshop on Identify Fraud** will be offered by the UMass Five College Credit Union at the Franklin Hampshire Career Center in **Greenfield**. Call 800-457-2603 or 413-774-4361.

**Stress Management Workshops for Job Seekers:** Thursday, December 17, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (at the **Northampton Career Center; call 800-457-2604 or 413-586-6506**) and Friday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (at **North Quabbin Career Center in Orange; Call 978-544-3506 or register at [www.fhcc-onestop.com](http://www.fhcc-onestop.com)**) –

### **Publications**

**New Americans Agenda** - On Tuesday, November 17, Governor Patrick released the *New Americans Agenda* at an event at the State House. The NAA is a comprehensive set of recommendations on how to better integrate immigrants and refugees into the civic and economic life of the Commonwealth. The report was prepared by the Governor's Advisory Council in partnership with the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition and the state Office for Refugees and Immigrants. For the report, go to [www.MIRACoalition.org](http://www.MIRACoalition.org).

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **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](http://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 [lsheridan@worlded.org](mailto:lsheridan@worlded.org). Go to [www.sabes.org](http://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.

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