



WORKFORCE SYSTEMS LETTER NO.: 04-12

DATE: April 12, 2004

EFFECT:	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>INFO</u>	<u>WITH ATTACHMENT</u>
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SUBJECT: Regional Workforce System Partners' Forum

1. **Purpose.** To confirm plans for a meeting of ES and UI Directors and their designated staff to be held at Doubletree Guest Suites, 550 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02451 on May 26 and 27, 2004. Starting time will be 10 AM on May 26 and ending time will be no later than 3 PM on May 27.
2. **Background.** Beginning with calendar year 2003, State UI and ES Directors and designated staff have met jointly twice a year to discuss mutual topics. This forum will continue in calendar 2004 to include the expanded Region. We will use this dialogue opportunity to update and share information, best practices, TA needs, and any other items of interest.
3. **Agenda.** Joint topics to include National/Regional Updates, Reemployment Services, and Trade. UI specific topics will include TEUC, Data Validation, and a State of the States Forum. ES specific topics to include Labor Exchange Reporting and performance measures, Job Seeker and Employer Individual Records, VETS Performance and Reporting, Employment Services to Farm Workers, and a State Round Robin. This meeting will be an informal dialogue session (draft agenda is attached). State attendees will be given the opportunity to take the lead in these discussions. If you have additions or changes you would like made to the topics, please forward to Chris Randolph by telephone at 617-788-0124 or by e-mail at [randolph.christina@dol.gov](mailto:randolph.christina@dol.gov).
4. **Logistics.** The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites, off of Rt. 128 in Waltham. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Doubletree by calling US Reservations 1-800-222-TREE or the hotel directly at 1-781-890-6767 no later than May 14<sup>th</sup>. A block of rooms has been reserved under the name United States Department of Labor at the rate of \$129/night plus 9.7% MA tax. Reservations may be made after May 14<sup>th</sup> but the rate will increase to \$159/night. Driving directions are attached. If additional logistical information is needed, please contact Marisol Lopez at [lopez.marisol@dol.gov](mailto:lopez.marisol@dol.gov) or 617-788-0158.
5. **Action necessary.** Please provide this information to appropriate staff and forward registration forms to Marisol no later than May 14, 2004. Dress is casual.
6. **Inquiries.** Please direct your inquiries to Christina Randolph at [randolph.christina@dol.gov](mailto:randolph.christina@dol.gov), 617-788-0124 or Marisol Lopez at [lopez.marisol@dol.gov](mailto:lopez.marisol@dol.gov) or 617-788-0158.

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Attachment

***DRAFT***

***Regional Workforce Systems Partners' Forum***

**Doubletree Guest Suites**

**Waltham, Massachusetts**

May 26-27-2004

**Please FAX this form to:**

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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**Lodging:** Participants should make their own arrangements as soon as possible. Logistical information is contained in the Workforce Systems Letter.

**Thank You**

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
**EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION**  
**REGIONAL WORKFORCE SYSTEM PARTNERS' FORUM**

*May 26-27, 2004*  
*Doubletree Guest Suites*  
*Waltham, Massachusetts*

**May 26, 2004**

**Meeting Room - Hastings Room**

10:00am- 11:00am	Welcome/Opening Remarks State by State Introductions (Organization & Flow of Communications)	<i>Joe Stoltz</i> <i>Regional Administrator</i>
11:00am-12:00pm	Paul Harrington	<i>Center for Labor Market Studies Northeastern University</i>
12:00pm- 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Emerging Issues at the Federal Level	
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break	
3:15pm-4:15pm	Massachusetts integrated/ automated TAA/Rapid Response/ NEG System	<i>Alice Sweeney</i> <i>Division of Career Services</i> <i>MA DET</i>



**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION**  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

**ES-May 27, 2004**  
**Meeting Room -**

7:30am-8:30am.....Continental Breakfast -

8:30am-10:15am.....Labor Exchange Performance Measures

10:15am-10:30am.....Break

10:30am-12:00pm.....State of the States Forum (All States)

- *State issues, staffing, travel, funding, One-Stops*
- *Economic Status & Impact*
- *State unique programs/projects*
- *Other items*

12:00noon-1:00pm.....Lunch (provided) -

1:00pm-2:00pm.....State of the States Forum (Continued)

2:00pm-3:00pm.....Federal ES Update (RO Staff)

- *ES Services to Farmworkers*
- *FLC and H2-A*
- *Labor Exchange*
- *Reemployment Services*
- *Data Validation*
- *LMI*
- *Other items*

3:00pm.....Next Steps

**UI-May 27, 2004**  
**Meeting Room -**

7:30am-8:30am.....Continental Breakfast -

8:30am-10:15am.....ITSC Speech Recognition Demo-**Tim Meier ITSC**

10:15am-10:30am.....Break

10:30am-11:00am..... UI Direct Deposit & Debit Cards Panel Discussion -  
**Ray Filippone**

11:00am-11:30am..... Trade Discussion - **Walter Baran**

11:30am-12:00pm.....UI Annual Performance Discussion -  
Performance Issues - State Perspectives

12:00pm-1:00pm.....Lunch (Provided) -

1:00pm-3:00pm.....State of the States Forum

*Exchange of information on topics such as: (All States)*

- *State UI Legislation*
- *UI Workload & Economic Conditions*
- *Reed Act - Use of Funds*
- *TEUC*
- *Data Validation Update*
- *ICON Update*
- *Other Automation State Initiative*
- *State Integrity Efforts*
- *Any other noteworthy items*

3:00pm.....Next Steps

# *Directions*

## *DoubleTree Guest Suites Waltham*

### From Airport Directions

15 Miles- Logan Airport Take the Ted Williams Tunnel to I-90 West. Take 90 West to Route 128/95 North and exit at Winter Street 27B. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right at the light. Then, at the top of the hill, bear right over the highway. Get into the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

### Transportation

Taxi service available from Logan Airport (approximately \$65).

Local taxi service available at the hotel.

Town Car Service(reservations required): Call hotel for recommendations.

Shared Van/Shuttle Service: The Airporter (877) 899-6161. Approximately \$40 one way to/from Logan Airport.

Hertz Rental Car Service available at the hotel (781) 290-5404

### General Arrival Directions

From Route 93 (Boston) - Take Route 93 South to I-90 (MA Turnpike) west. Follow to Route 128/95 North. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B (Winter St.). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right at the light. Then, at the top of the hill, bear right over the highway. Get into the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Route 93 (New Hampshire) - Take Route 93 South to Route 128/95 South. Take Route 128/95 South to exit 27B (Winter Street). Bear right off the ramp. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Mass. Turnpike - Take Mass. Turnpike to Route 128/95 North . Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B (Winter St.). At the end of the exit ramp, take a right at the light. Then, at the top of the hill, bear right to go over the highway. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Route 3 - Take Route 3 to Route 128/95 South to Exit 27B (Winter St.) Bear right off the ramp. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From I-90 East - Take I-90 To Route 128/95 North. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B(Winter St.). At the end of the exit ramp, take a right at the light. At the top of the hill, bear right to go over the highway. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Route 2 - Take Route 2 to Route 128/95 South. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B (Winter St.) Bear right off the ramp. Follow to First Avenue. The hotel is in front of you.