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**Workforce Investment Act**  
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**WIA Communication No. 00-24**

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Investment Board Chairs  
Workforce Investment Board Directors  
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Career Center Directors  
DET Regional Directors  
DET Area Directors  
(Distributions attached)

**cc:** WIA State Partners

**From:** Angelo Buonopane, Director  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Date:** July 17, 2000

**Subject:** **Streamlining the Communication Series (Policies and Informational Memorandums)**

On July 1, 2000, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts began to implement the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which replaces the Job Training Partnership Act and amends the Wagner Peyser Act. A major emphasis of the new law is to strengthen the links between the workforce development system and better coordinate the services provided within that system. Collectively, everyone at the state and local levels have been working very hard during the past eighteen months to begin the process of better coordinating these services. I realize moving toward a better integrated system will take some time and appreciate how much the state and local stakeholders have accomplished to date.

On behalf of my office, I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in this endeavor and encourage you to contact my office at any time with any questions, comments or suggestions you may have.

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To better integrate the flow of information, I am streamlining the communication series within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Division of Employment and Training and the Corporation for Business, Work and Learning. Effective July 1, 2000, there will be one communication series - the WIA Communication Series, which will provide state and local partners with workforce development updates on policy and information. The communications will be sent from myself, along with the heads of the partnering agencies.

All communications will continue to be published on the Massachusetts WIA Website, [www.massworkforce.org](http://www.massworkforce.org).

Again, please contact my staff with any questions you may have.

**Questions and Comments:** Any questions related to this correspondence should be directed to Kim McLaughlin (ext. 104) at (617) 727-6573.

**Filing:** Please file this in your notebook of previously issued WIA Communication Series Issuances as #00-24.



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