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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE: OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform the Workforce Development Community that the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, and Health & Human Services issued a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) soliciting feedback regarding career pathways training model.

The [career pathways initiative](#) is an approach designed to link and coordinate education and training services in ways that enable workers to attain industry-recognized credentials, and ultimately, employment. The departments are working together to improve the alignment of their programs at the state, tribal, or local levels.

Together, the departments will collect and analyze information that is expected to yield important insights on: the benefits of and challenges to aligning diverse funding streams, programs, and stakeholders around career pathway systems; and the current and potential future use of career pathways systems to help at-risk populations gain skills and access the middle class. Additionally, the analysis will generate essential information that will impact policy development and the next generation of investments and technical assistance

Stakeholders are encouraged to respond to this RFI or share with other interested parties. Responses must be received by June 9, 2014.

The departments are hosting a webinar on Thursday, May 1, 2014, to provide an overview of the career pathways RFI and instructions on how to respond. To register for this webinar, please visit www.workforce3one.org.

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