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Dear Legislators and Clerks:

On behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development/Department of Career Services (EOLWD/DCS) and the Commonwealth Corporation, we are pleased to present you with the Workforce Training Fund Program (WTFP) Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report.

In FY15 Commonwealth Corporation awarded more than \$16 million in WTFP General Program grants to support training for 13,403 employees in 249 businesses. The businesses receiving the grants have estimated that as the training supports them in achieving their business growth objectives they will, in turn, need to hire 1,160 additional workers. A list of the General Program Grants awarded in FY15 is included as an attachment to the report.

During this period 238 Massachusetts small businesses took advantage of the WTFP Express Program, seeking more than \$1.5 million in grant funds to train 2,238 employees. In addition, 127 businesses enrolled 1,161 employees in courses supported with more than \$600,000 in funding from the WTFP Regional Training Capacity Pilot Program.

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EOLWD/DCS would like to take this opportunity to thank the Workforce Training Fund Program Advisory Committee for their commitment and dedication to the Workforce Training Fund Program. Through our continued partnership we are working together to assist the Commonwealth's businesses grow and thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alice Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alice" and last name "Sweeney" clearly distinguishable.

Alice Sweeney, Director

Cc: Ronald L. Walker, II, Secretary
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