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TO: STATE GOVERNORS
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FROM: MOLLY E. CONWAY /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Release and Availability of the Report titled, *Regional Collaboration to Create a High-Skilled Workforce: Evaluation of the Jobs Innovation and Accelerator Challenge Grants*

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of the final report from the evaluation of the Jobs Innovation and Accelerator Challenge Grants (JIAC).
2. **Action Requested.** This notice is for informational purposes.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – The report provides insight into how regional innovation clusters might serve as tools to stimulate the economy. The evaluation focused on understanding multi-agency collaboration, partnerships and supports that are the foundation for regional economic development models.
 - b. Background – Launched in 2011 and 2012, the JIAC Grants and the Advanced Manufacturing JIAC Grants (AM-JIAC) supported 30 self-identified regional innovation clusters; each of the clusters focused on an industry sector with high-growth potential in each region. The AM-JIAC clusters targeted advanced manufacturing for transportation and aerospace to advanced materials such as carbon fiber composites, optics, and thermal control systems, among others. The multiagency collaboration and regional innovation clusters were formed to expand the growth of existing and new clusters to: (1) increase productivity and economic growth by accelerating product or process development and commercialization in key sectors and regions; (2) support innovation and regional collaboration; (3) train workers to enter high-skilled, high-wage industries; and (4) support entrepreneurship and small business growth.
4. **Weblink to Reports.** To view or download the final report and the associated interim report titled “Evaluation of the Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge Grants: Interim Findings on Multiagency Collaboration and Cluster Progress,” visit <https://www.doleta.gov/research>.

5. **Inquiries.** For further information, please contact Gloria Salas-Kos, ETA Office of Policy Development and Research, at (202) 693-3700 or Salas-Kos.Gloria@dol.gov.
6. **References.** Not Applicable.
7. **Attachments.** Not Applicable.