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**DATE:** September 13, 2019

**TO:** LA's Workforce Development System

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**SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 20-08  
A PATHWAY FORWARD: HOMELESS TO HIRED SUMMIT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

This information bulletin is effective upon date of issuance.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this information bulletin is to advise the Workforce Development System that the "A Pathway Forward: Homeless to Hired Summit" will take place September 30, 2019.

## BACKGROUND

In July 2014, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) a \$6 million Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) grant to create a transitional employment program called the Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA:RISE). With the leadership and support of the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board, and in partnership with the Roberts Enterprise Development Fund (REDF), the EWDD designed and created the LA:RISE program.

The LA:RISE pilot program (2015-18) linked various social enterprises to the City's workforce system and provided help in finding employment or retaining permanent employment to the City's hardest-to-employ. Such hardest-to-employ included persons with a history of homelessness or at risk of homelessness, the formerly incarcerated, the formerly gang-involved, the long-term unemployed, and disconnected youth (out of school and not employed).

In July 2018, LA:RISE expanded to sites throughout Los Angeles County and partnered with the Aging and Community Services of Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, (WDACS), funded by its Measure H funding initiatives. The City's LA:RISE program is now in its fifth year of operation.

Interim findings on the LA:RISE program were presented on October 4, 2018 at a Policy Summit titled, "From Homelessness to Employment."

A new summit, "A Pathway Forward: Homeless to Hired Summit," will highlight the final findings of the LA:RISE evaluation report, will provide updates on new homeless employment initiatives, and will host an employer panel discussion.

"A Pathway Forward: Homeless to Hired Summit" will take place as follows:

Monday, September 30, 2019  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
The Center at Cathedral Plaza  
555 W. Temple Street,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RSVP at: <https://cvent.me/0mB1e>

Registration, continental breakfast buffet, and an opportunity to make connections and to visit the LA:RISE Fair will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the foyer of the Center. The actual program will start at 10:00 a.m.

#### **WDS CONTACT**

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Attachments: A Pathway Forward: Homeless to Hired Summit Flyer