

ALERT SUMMARY:

- 1. PURVIEW: State (not federal)**
- 2. MOBILIZATION: None; information only**

MCAE REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH SECRETARY BUMP

- On June 12, representatives from the MCAE Public Policy Committee met with Secretary Suzanne Bump of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

- The purpose of the meeting was to communicate directly with her about ABE and its relationship with the workforce development system, and to establish a relationship to directly communicate with her office in the future as issues may arise.

DURING THE MEETING, SECRETARY BUMP CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING:

1. There are no plans to move ABE at this time.
2. The ABE/ESOL Sub-Committee of the State Workforce Investment Board is expected to make recommendations in approximately 6 months at which time she will consider its recommendations.
3. She is strongly in favor of more workplace education programs.

FOLLOW-UP

- MCAE provided Secretary Bump with the MCAE White Paper on ABE and Workforce Development (prepared at the request of the Governor's Transition Team on Workforce Development), the ABE Fact Sheet for FY2008, an overview of MCAE, a partial list of Integrated ABE and Workforce Development Programming and a partial list of the activities under the SABES Workforce Development Priority Initiative.

- MCAE intends to stay in contact with Secretary Bump's office and continue to watch this issue carefully. As more information becomes available, MCAE will send additional alerts.

- If you have any questions, please contact either Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umb.edu) or Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com).