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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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SUBJECT: 2005 Career Transition Services Workgroup - 2005 Student
Research Findings

1. Purpose. To provide information to the Job Corps community regarding research findings of the 2005 Career Transition Services (CTS) Workgroup.
2. Background. In 2005, the CTS Workgroup, aided by a support contractor, conducted extensive quantitative and qualitative research into improving the delivery and quality of CTS to Job Corps students. Their work included data analysis and focus groups involving 455 current and former Job Corps students. At the conclusion of their work, the workgroup formally presented a significant number of recommendations to the Federal Management Team (FMT). The FMT accepted many of these recommendations, which will be transmitted to the Job Corps community in the near future as the 2006 CTS Workgroup develops implementation plans and strategies.

This Information Notice serves to share the results of the workgroup's quantitative research, as well as share the input of the many focus groups led by the workgroup contractor representatives. Focus groups involved 11 Job Corps centers, 375 students at various stages of their participation in Job Corps, as well as 80 students who had graduated from Job Corps. The candid feedback provided by these program participants offers an unusual, first-hand perspective on our service delivery system.

3. Action. Addressees should ensure that this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff. The National Director also encourages addressees to consider these findings not only as they impact CTS, but also as they impact other important Job Corps operating components.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Maria Temiquel at (202) 693-3118, or emailed to Temiquel.Maria@dol.gov.

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