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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
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ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS AND CTS CONTRACTORS

FROM: EDNA PRIMROSE
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SUBJECT: Job Corps -- Federal Student Aid Partnership: New Resources

1. Purpose. To provide updated information on the Job Corps – Federal Student Aid Partnership and highlight new available resources.

2. Background. Information Notice 08-28, issued on January 14, 2009, announced the partnership between Job Corps and the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA). This partnership was formally recognized through a letter that specified both organizations’ commitment to increasing the number of Job Corps graduates entering postsecondary education and outlined activities to support these efforts. Since the initiation of the partnership, joint activities have included:

- links to FSA websites on the Job Corps Community website;
- on-center training for Job Corps staff and students about the availability of grants, work-study opportunities and low-interest loans; and
- the distribution of materials (brochures, pamphlets and DVDs) to centers and career transition services (CTS) providers.

3. Office of Federal Student Aid. The 1998 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) established a performance-based organization to administer the FSA programs at the U.S. Department of Education. These programs include Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans, and campus-based programs such as, Federal Work-Study, Perkins loans and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity grants.

The Office of Federal Student Aid seeks to ensure that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally-funded or federally-guaranteed financial assistance for education beyond high school. FSA also partners with postsecondary schools, financial institutions,

and other participants in Title IV student financial assistance programs to deliver programs and services that help students finance their postsecondary education.

4. Resources. Through Job Corps' partnership with the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA), many resources are available to centers and career transition services (CTS) agencies to help students prepare for postsecondary education. All centers and CTS agencies are registered with the Federal Student Aid Publications website (www.FSAPubs.org) and can download or order materials at any time, free of charge. When ordering materials, Job Corps staff members should specify the name of their center or CTS agency to receive materials.

Other options for ordering include a toll-free telephone request line, (800) 394-7084, and an email address, orders@FSAPubs.org. In addition, staff can access the updated version of a DVD entitled "I'm Going," in which students from diverse backgrounds share their stories about obtaining funding for college to pursue their career goals. The DVD is located on www.college.gov, a website designed for young adults, with interactive tools including a personalized roadmap detailing the steps to take to get to college, links to the College Navigator and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Links to the DVD and www.college.gov website are also accessible through the Job Corps Community website.

5. Action. Addressees are to ensure that this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

6. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

7. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Lynne Fry at (202) 693-3101 or fry.lynne@dol.gov or Rachel Floyd-Nelson at (202) 693-3120 or floyd-nelson.rachel@dol.gov.