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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
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ALL CENTER USERS

FROM: *FOR* LENITA JACOBS-SIMMONS 
National Director
Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Annual Industry Recognized Credentials List

1. Purpose. To announce the Industry Recognized Credential (IRC) list for Program Year (PY) 18.
2. Background. In compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requirements, and to ensure students earn credentials employers value, attached are credentials approved for IRC credit attainment. Primary credentials are those that represent a core skill/proficiency level. Secondary credentials supplement or enhance core skill levels. This action is consistent with our ongoing efforts to align Job Corps programs more closely with skill requirements in the workplace. The attached lists IRCs for PY 18.

As part of the National Office's commitment to continued improvement, and to keep pace with the changing work environment, enhancements were made to the list to ensure systemwide integrity. Several credentials considered valuable in the marketplace, but not rigorous as stand-alone credentials, were "coupled" with like credentials to ensure students an opportunity to strengthen overall skills and marketability. Some credentials that did not meet the criteria for primary were reclassified as secondary. Finally, several new credentials such as mechatronics and cybersecurity pave the way for new and innovative program development.

3. Action. All appropriate staff must receive this Information Notice.
4. Effective Date. Immediately
5. Expiration Date. Until superseded
6. Inquiries. Tracy Bradshaw-Morris at (202) 693-8000 or bradshaw-morris.tracy@dol.gov.

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