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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NOTICE NO. 19-13

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

FROM: DEBRA A. CARR
Acting National Director
Office of Job Corps

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SUBJECT: Continuation of Technology-Based Learning to Support
Academic Skill Building

1. Purpose. To notify Job Corps centers about continued access to the technology-based learning platform, IXL.
2. Background. Technology-based learning has become an integral part of education and training for students of all ages and proficiency levels, and across a wide range of subjects. In 2019, Job Corps centers expanded their use of effective technology-based learning resources through opportunities provided by the Job Corps program. One of those resources, IXL Learning, has become widely used throughout Job Corps during daytime instruction and in Evening and Weekend Studies. Students using the tool have shown notable gains in key subject areas. For example, nearly half of all users working in the algebra skill-building achieved either proficiency or mastery in basic algebra. Teachers and administrators have also shared positive feedback for IXL. They have emphasized the importance of continuously accessible, adaptive learning tools for students, in light of increased reading and math requirements in many of today's career training programs.

Job Corps plans to fund another 24 months of IXL for all Job Corps center students. The additional funding also includes expanded staff training and technical assistance. Notices about staff training will appear on the Job Corps Community website. The IXL section of the Evening and Weekend Studies Guide currently posted on the Job Corps Community Website will be updated to reflect the new IXL coding.

Unlimited access to IXL will continue seamlessly for all centers, contingent on funds being received by the vendor from centers. Job Corps provided the funds needed for continued IXL access to each Job Corps Regional Office to allot to each of their centers. Each center is responsible for paying its vendor by March 25, 2020.

Information about the second year of the two years of funding period will be released in January 2021 in a Job Corps Information Notice. The second year begins March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.

3. Action. Ensure that this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff. Centers will receive additional instructions from their federal project manager, including the amount to be paid to the vendor. Centers must submit payment to IXL Learning by March 25, 2020, using the below address.

IXL Learning
ATTN: Billing – Job Corps
777 Mariners Island Blvd., Suite 600
San Mateo, CA 94404

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.
5. Inquiries. Questions about this Information Notice should be addressed to Andrea Kyle at Kyle.Andrea@dol.gov or Marcus Gray at Gray.Marcus@dol.gov.