December 16, 2013

Dear TAACCCT Round 3 Grantees:

This letter is in reference to the requirement in your grant agreement to license products developed under the grant with a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 License. This language can be found in the SGA portion of your grant agreement (SGA Section III.D.9). In addition, SGA Section III.D.9 and Part V.18 of your grant agreement requires a disclaimer on grant deliverables. We have found that text in the required disclaimer is in contradiction with the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 License requirement. The intent of the Department is to ensure that this Federal investment has as broad an impact as possible. Therefore, replacement disclaimer language is provided below.

Grant Award (Part V.15 and SGA Section III.D.9) Intellectual Property
(text in contradiction underlined)

OLD TEXT:
If applicable, the following needs to be on all products developed in whole or in part with grant funds, “This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration. The product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The U.S. Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner.”

NEW TEXT:
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Sincerely,
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