

## **Webcast 2- Where can I Access the Strategic Vision Surrounding Disability Employment for My State's Workforce Development System?**

### **First Slide:**

Laura: Good Morning David.

David: Good Morning Laura.

Laura: So I have a resource question that I would like us to chat about today – “Where can I Access the Strategic Vision Surrounding Disability Employment for My State's Workforce Development System?”

### **Second Slide:**

David: This is a good topic area to address. Under WIOA, States submit a Unified or Combined State Plan for review by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education that outlines a four-year strategy for the State's workforce development system.

The WIOA State Plan Process reminds me of a quote from Ben Franklin who once stated “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”. Planning is so important Laura, and we know that each state and region has their own unique strengths and challenges to tackle workforce issues. I have a gut feeling you have a leading go-to online resource in this area.

### **Third Slide:** [Accessing WIOA State Plans at OSERS](#)

Laura: First, I love that quote, David. So interesting and relevant. One of my leading go-to resources is accessing the WIOA State Plans on the website of Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, also commonly known as OSERS. You can click on this slide to access the State Plan in your state.

For me, being from the state of Massachusetts, I have accessed the Massachusetts State Plan report to help me better understand how WIOA programs are aligning and coordinating in my state. Because my work provides technical assistance supporting the disability community, I examine how my state and others are addressing their strategic initiatives surrounding Section 188 - a provision of WIOA that protects against nondiscrimination on services being provided.

David: I know the year 2020 is a busy and exciting year for the WIOA State Plan process as states will soon be submitting their new four year plans. I look forward to reading how my home state of Pennsylvania and other states are innovatively working across programs to align under WIOA.

**Fourth Slide:**

Laura: This slide lists the resources referenced earlier. Please check them out when you have a moment today.

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David: And, for those listening in, thanks for joining our coffee chat. On behalf of the Employment and Training Administration, we hope these resources help people with disabilities rise and shine in the labor market.