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Dear NJ PLACE Partner:

Since 2008, Rutgers University has been under contract with the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) to implement New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to a College Education (NJ PLACE). We are writing to inform you that, due to state and federal budget reductions, financial support will be discontinued for NJ PLACE as of January 1, 2014. Over the next month, the initiative will be transitioned, in part, to the auspices of the SETC.

The SETC will establish a dedicated NJ PLACE page on its website and continue to host www.njplace.com for the next several months to provide guidance and resources for participants and program partners alike. Participant registration through the NJ PLACE website will be discontinued, but the articulation agreements between the NJ PLACE apprenticeship program partners and New Jersey's community colleges remain in force as long as both parties wish to continue them. As long as academic program reviews are kept current, new apprenticeship graduates can continue to use their apprenticeship credits toward the degree specified in these articulation agreements.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact Maureen O'Brien-Murphy at the SETC, who can be reached at 609-777-1724. Thank you.

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