



## **FY 2014 ABE BUDGET REQUEST**

**MCAE is requesting funding of \$35,178,721 for line item #7035-0002 under the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to fund the state's Adult Basic Education system in FY2014.**

**In the FY2013 budget, the ABE line item was funded at \$30,174,160.**

MCAE's long-term budget goals are to continue to seek additional ABE funding to:

- strengthen the ABE infrastructure in order to maintain and strengthen quality of service; meet the demands of new content for math, science, technology, high school credentialing tests; and provide the education and career advising required to help students transition to higher education and training programs;
- increase the capacity of the existing ABE service delivery system by supporting a stable professional workforce and quality working conditions;
- increase the intensity of service whenever possible; and
- increase access to ABE services by providing funding to un-served and/or underserved areas of the state.