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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
 STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS
 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIRECTORS
 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: Impacts of the Federal Government Shutdown and State Administrative Funding for State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Programs and Other Workforce Programs

- Purpose.** To respond to questions from state workforce agencies and state workforce liaisons related to the October 2013 Federal government lapse in appropriations, or “shutdown,” and administrative funding for relevant programs pursuant to the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (Act).
- References.**

 - Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014, Public Law (Pub. L.) No. 113-46 (Act), Sections 115 and 116;
 - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 20, Part 609;
 - ET Handbook No. 391, *Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Instructions for State Agencies*;
 - Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 31-13, *Impacts of the Federal Government Shutdown and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees and State Administrative Funding for State UI Programs*, Changes 1 and 2; and
 - Training and Employment Notice No. 8-13, *Impact of a Temporary Suspension of Federal Government Services on Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Funded Programs and Activities*, and its Change 1.
- Background.** After the recent Federal government shutdown, effective October 17, 2013, the Act appropriated Fiscal Year 2014 funds through January 15, 2014, to allow government operations to resume, end Federal furloughs due to the lapse in funding, and fully compensate the furloughed Federal employees for lost wages. Certain state/local employees were also impacted and furloughed due to the shutdown. The Act stipulated that interest would be earned on any state funds expended due to the shutdown if those expenditures would normally have been paid with Federal funds in absence of the shutdown and on the cost of compensating furloughed state employees whose compensation is advanced or

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reimbursed in whole or in part by the Federal government. This Training and Employment Guidance Letter provides answers to questions about issues that have arisen under Sections 115 and 116 of the Act.

4. **Action Required.** State Administrators must provide this information to appropriate staff.
5. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.
6. **Attachment.** Questions and Answers: State Questions on Section 116 of the Continuing Appropriation Act, 2014 (“CR”), Pub. L. 113-46