

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 26-13
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: 2014 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Summit

1. **Purpose.** To announce the 2014 UI Integrity Summit that will be held on May 13-14, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

2. **Background.** The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) is sponsoring the 2014 UI Integrity Summit, a biennial technical assistance event that brings together state staff responsible for program integrity to focus on the prevention, detection, and recovery of UI improper payments. The technical assistance plenary sessions and training workshops feature improper payment strategies that may help states aggressively target and prevent UI improper payments.

The theme of the summit is “UI Integrity: Getting to Excellence.” An agenda has been developed that will advance the UI community’s collective work to bring the improper payment rate down and promote successful practices and management strategies toward this effort. The summit will provide attendees the opportunity to hear from Department officials representing the Employment and Training Administration, the Department’s Office of Inspector General, and other Federal agencies. The summit will also allow for participation in a series of workshop sessions featuring state and Federal leaders responsible for UI program integrity.

3. **Conference Location.** The 2014 UI Integrity Summit will be held May 13-14, 2014, at the U.S. Department of Labor’s Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

4. **Travel Costs.** The Department encourages state participation of up to three staff members at the summit, recognizing that state efforts are critical to achieving reduced improper payments in the UI program. The target audience is UI Directors, Benefits Chiefs, Benefit Payment Control Managers, and other appropriate staff.

The Department will provide **\$3,000 to each participating state** to help cover travel costs. USDOL will provide the funds for this travel as an increase to the participating state’s above base distribution.

5. **Conference Registration.** There is no fee to attend the summit. However, registration is required and will be coordinated through the UI Community of Practice (CoP) at <http://ui.workforce3one.org>. You will need to be a member of the UI CoP to register for the summit. If you are not already a member of the UI CoP, you may join by using the same link provided in this section. After logging-in to the UI CoP, click on the summit link to register and view the agenda and hotel information.

6. **Hotel Information and Reservations.** Hotel accommodations may be arranged with the Embassy Row Hotel, located at 2015 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. A block of rooms has been held under the name 2014 National UI Integrity Summit at the local Federal per diem rate of \$224 per night, plus a 14.5 percent sales and occupancy tax. The special rates are also available to attendees for the day before and after the conference dates. Reservations must be made by Sunday, April 13, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. ET to obtain a room at this rate. Cancellations to reservations can be made up to 72 hours prior to group arrival date. Guests that cancel within 72 hours of arrival or no shows will be charged one (1) night's room and tax. Attendees may make reservations at: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1186790&hotelID=75776>, or by calling the Reservations Department at 1-855-893-1011 and confirming attendance at the "2014 National UI Integrity Summit."

Transportation between the hotel and the Frances Perkins Building is a quick 4-stop ride on the Metro Red line (no transfers). Metro stations are located across the street from both the hotel and the Frances Perkins Building.

7. **Additional Information.** Conference attendees should be aware that no meals or beverages will be provided and attendees should plan accordingly. The Frances Perkins Building has a large cafeteria and there are many restaurants within walking distance of the building. A complete list of restaurants will be posted to the conference site on the UI CoP.

8. **Action Requested.** State Administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff and are encouraged to authorize staff to attend this summit.

9. **Inquiries.** Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

10. **Attachment(s).** Draft Agenda