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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: PORTIA WU
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Announcing New Unemployment Insurance Data Dashboard

1. **Purpose.** To announce the implementation of a new Web site resource known as the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Dashboard.

2. **Background.** UI Program data and statistics are in high demand by a variety of users including news media, academics, stakeholders, and researchers. While the UI Data section on the UI Web site provided access to a considerable amount of summarized/aggregated administrative data relating to state UI operations, users reported that the system was cumbersome to use at times and difficult for users when trying to locate information.

3. **Description.** The Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) deployed a new Data Dashboard Web site (http://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/DataDashboard.asp) also linked from the OUI homepage (www.oui.doleta.gov) by clicking on "UI Data." It provides users the ability to access a suite of webpages by simply hovering/clicking on icons and topics in order to locate sought-after data. The new Data Dashboard expands the amount and type of UI Program data available; makes that data more easily accessible; and provides improved descriptions and supporting information about the data. It also offers convenient access to data reflecting the dynamics of benefit payments, revenue collections, trust fund management, banking activity, special programs, and state performance measures.

   Users can easily download data using the new Data Dashboard as .csv files (comma delimited ASCII files) that conveniently open directly into most spreadsheet packages. In addition to providing access to raw data, users may view the section where "most requested" data elements can be found, e.g., average duration and exhaustion rates. These measures are derived from the raw data and will eliminate redundancy in the creation of common measures of system activity and performance. Data series residing in the "most requested" section can also be found in publications such as the Quarterly UI Data Summary and the Annual Program Summary and Financial Data report.

   Additionally, the Data Dashboard Web site also provides comprehensive explanatory text, data definitions, and supporting materials for understanding content as well as to aid users in understanding the appropriate uses and limitations of the data. For example, no individual claimant level data will be available on this application, nor could it be made available, as such information is not collected by the Department of Labor.

In the near future the OUI will improve the Data Dashboard with additional enhancements such as improved graphics and adding less frequently requested data (including Disaster Unemployment Insurance and Benefit Accuracy Measurement). Plans are also underway to incorporate features allowing for more sophisticated analysis by providing users with the ability to combine time series through arithmetic computations.

4. **Action Requested.** State Administrators are requested to make this information available to appropriate staff.

5. **Inquiries.** Questions and comments about the Data Page may be directed to Ron Wilus at 202-693-2931 or at wilus.ronald@dol.gov, or to Rob Pavosevich at 202-693-2935 or at pavosevich.robert@dol.gov.