

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO.	4-10
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**TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS
STATE UI DIRECTORS**

**FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary**

SUBJECT: 75th Anniversary of Unemployment Insurance

- 1. Purpose.** To announce upcoming activities and events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the unemployment insurance (UI) program, and to announce the UI Hall of Fame and UI Innovation Awards.
- 2. Background.** August 14, 2010, marks the 75th anniversary of the UI program. The Department of Labor (DOL) is planning to celebrate this event in a number of ways, including issuing a Secretary's Statement to the press, developing a new UI video and a commemorative poster, and recognizing the outstanding work of individuals and state UI agencies via two new awards. In addition, we are collaborating with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) to celebrate this important anniversary at the 2010 National Conference on Unemployment Insurance to be held October 18 – 21 in the Washington D.C. area. The conference, jointly sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the NASWA, will focus on key policy issues for UI moving forward and will include a celebratory event on October 19 that you will not want to miss. Information on the conference can be found at <http://www.workforceatm.org/ui75dc/index.cfm>.

The Secretary's Statement was issued on Wednesday, August 11, 2010; a copy is available online at <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20101117.htm>. In the coming days, states will be receiving copies of the commemorative poster, and the new UI video will be debuted at the conference in October. We hope states will find these useful in shaping their own celebrations of this important anniversary.

- 3. Awards.** At the conference, the ETA will also honor one or more individual(s) with a UI Hall of Fame Award for significant lifetime achievements in furthering the aims of the UI program. We will also recognize states with UI Innovation Awards for significant innovations to improve integrity, service delivery, and reemployment.

Nominations must be submitted by September 17, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. EST. Award criteria, eligibility, and the process for selecting the recipients are discussed in the attached documents.

4. **Action Requested.** Please distribute throughout the UI community and to interested stakeholders.
5. **Inquiries.** Comments or questions about these awards should be sent to Daniel L. Hays at 202-693-3011 or at hays.daniel@dol.gov. Comments and requests may also be mailed to the following address: U.S. Department of Labor; Employment and Training Administration; OUI – UI Awards; Room S-4231; Washington, D.C. 20210.
6. **Attachments.** Unemployment Insurance Hall of Fame Award
Unemployment Insurance Innovation Awards