

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 27-11
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2012 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Summit

1. Purpose. To inform state workforce agencies of the 2012 UI Integrity Summit scheduled for March 13-14, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia, and encourage staff participation at the summit.

2. Background. Preventing, detecting and recovering UI improper payments are top priorities for state UI program administrators and the U.S. Department of Labor (Department). The Department, along with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), is co-sponsoring the 2012 UI Integrity Summit. The target audience is UI Directors, Benefit Chiefs, and staff whose responsibilities include Benefit Payment Control and other integrity-related activities. This Summit will provide states the opportunity to continue working with the Department to aggressively target and prevent UI improper payments.

The theme of the summit is “*UI Integrity, You Make it Happen.*” A robust agenda has been developed, and it 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 also provide attendees the opportunity to hear from Department officials representing the Employment and Training Administration and the Department’s Office of Inspector General, as well as the Office of Management and Budget. The Summit will also allow for participation in a series of “hands-on” workshop sessions featuring state and Federal leaders responsible for UI program integrity.

3. Logistics. The summit will be held March 13-14, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and meeting registration are available at the NASWA Web site www.naswa.org. The registration fee is \$275.00. After February 29, 2012, the fee will be \$325.00. Representatives from the Summit planning team will be available from noon to 5:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 12, 2012 to provide assistance.

Participants are encouraged to register on the UI Community of Practice (CoP) Web site located at <http://ui.workforce3one.org/member/register/>. The CoP will serve as a tool during the Summit to connect participants and to obtain feedback on the content and delivery of the plenary and workshop sessions. At least one participant from each state will need to have access to the Internet during the Summit to allow for participation on the COP.

4. Action Requested. State Administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

6. Attachment(s). Draft Agenda and Proposed Workshops