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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 31-13

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: ERIC M. SELEZNOW /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Impacts of the Federal Government Shutdown and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees and State Administrative Funding for State UI Programs

1. **Purpose.** To respond to questions from state workforce agencies and provide guidance about the Federal government shutdown and the Unemployment Insurance program, including Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC).

2. **References.**

- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 20, Section 609.8(b)(1)(ii);
- UCFE Handbook No. 391 for State Agencies;
- Office of Personnel Management, *Guidance for Shutdown Furloughs*
[<http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance/guidance-for-shutdown-furloughs.pdf?nocache=1>];
- Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87.

3. **Background.** The failure of Congress to pass a budget by October 1, 2013, caused a lapse in appropriations for much of the Federal government, which in turn led to a partial Federal government shutdown. Many Federal workers, including some Congressional staff, were placed on “furlough” status. Because they are not performing services they are considered to be unemployed and may be eligible for unemployment insurance.

4. **Action Requested.** State Administrators should provide the information in this UIPL to appropriate staff.

5. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to Betty Castillo at Castillo.Betty@dol.gov or Candace Edens at Edens.Candace@dol.gov.

6. **Attachment.** Questions and Answers: Unemployment Insurance and the Federal Government Shutdown.