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

2012 Unemployment Insurance Integrity Summit
"Integrity, You Make It Happen!"

Draft Agenda

MONDAY, March 12

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	**Registration**
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	**Evening Networking**

TUESDAY, March 13

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM   **Registration**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM   **Opening Plenary Session**

Welcome and Opening Remarks

> **Gay Gilbert, Administrator**
> **Office of Unemployment Insurance**
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> **Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary**
> **Employment and Training Administration**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM   **Keynote Speech**

> **Danny Werfel, Controller**
> **Office of Management and Budget (invited)**

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM   **Break**

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM   **Panel Presentation: Three "High Impact" States Discuss Integrity Task Forces, Strategic Plans and Quantifiable Results**

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM   **Lunch - On Your Own**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	Regional Roundtable Discussions

WEDNESDAY March 14

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Concurrent Workshops
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 11:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – On Your Own
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Demonstration of Killer Apps: New Jersey, New York and Texas/Louisiana
4:00 PM – 4:10 PM	Closing Remarks

Gay Gilbert, Administrator
Office of Unemployment Insurance

Workshops

The following proposed topics for workshops are under development:

- Unemployment Compensation Treasury Offset Program - presentations from the states that have used this recovery tool for a period of one year, with representatives from the Department of Treasury available for technical assistance
- Presentations on Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE), the Social Security Administration and the National Directory of New Hires - representatives from the appropriate Federal agencies will present detailed information on the type of data available through each of these databases under current agreements
- Recovery Tools - in addition to presentations on innovative recovery tools and methods, information on confidentiality requirements that must be considered in the recovery processes will be presented
- Communications with Employers - outreach for the State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) and other tools that facilitate timely communications with employers to reduce improper payments
- Identity Theft - preventing and detecting identity theft to reduce improper payments and protect the integrity of the unemployment insurance (UI) program
- New Performance Measures – including how to use a variety of data to improve performance
- Other topics pertaining to UI Integrity

As the agenda is updated, the changes will be posted to the Web site with more detailed descriptions of the workshops.