TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of the Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws 2012

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of the Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws 2012.

2. **Background.** Each year, the Department of Labor publishes a new edition of the Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws to reflect recent changes to state laws and new areas of interest.

3. **Publication Description.** This publication provides in-depth information on key aspects of state unemployment insurance programs such as coverage, financing, monetary entitlement, extensions and special programs, nonmonetary eligibility, overpayments, and appeals. It also provides an overview of the temporary disability programs operated in six states.

   Five copies of the Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws are mailed to the administrator of each state workforce agency. The Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws can be found on the Office of Unemployment Insurance’s Web site at: [http://www.oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/laws.asp](http://www.oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/laws.asp). A limited number of additional copies are also available.

4. **Inquiries.** Comments or requests for a copy of this publication should be addressed to Loryn Lancaster at 202-693-2994 or at lancaster.loryn@dol.gov, or to Agnes Wells at 202-693-2996 or at wells.agnes@dol.gov. Comments and requests can also be mailed to either of the above at the following address: U.S. Department of Labor; Employment and Training Administration; OUI/DL; Room S-4524; Washington, D.C. 20210.