TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of the *Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws 2013*

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of the *Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws 2013*.

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.

   This edition includes changes as a result of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-96, enacted on February 22, 2012. In particular, see the chapters on Extensions and Special Programs, and Nonmonetary Eligibility.

   Five copies of the *Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws* are mailed to the administrator of each state workforce agency. An electronic version of 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 print copies are also available upon request.

4. **Inquiries.** Comments or requests for a copy of this publication should be addressed to Julie Balster at 202-693-3615 or at balster.julie@dol.gov, Loryn Lancaster at 202-693-2994 or at lancaster.loryn@dol.gov, or Agnes Wells at 202-693-2996 or at wells.agnes@dol.gov. Comments and requests can also be mailed to any 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.