TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of the Significant Provisions of State Unemployment Insurance Laws Effective July 2013


2. Background. The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) publishes biannual editions of the Significant Provisions of State Unemployment Insurance Laws that provide key data on unemployment insurance benefits and taxes in the states.

3. Publication Description. This publication provides information on each state’s wage requirements for UI benefit eligibility, computation and amount of the weekly benefit, number of allowable benefit weeks and benefit week calculation, and the amount of earnings that will be disregarded for those individuals who are working part-time. It also provides information on the size of employer payroll required to pay taxes, the amount of wages subject to tax, and tax rates specific to each state’s program.

Previously, the Significant Provisions publication was available in a hard copy format and mailed to states upon publication. However, beginning with the July 2013 edition, the Department will no longer provide a printed edition. The Significant Provisions publication continues to be available online at http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/statelaws.asp.

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, Julie Balster at 202-693-3615 or at balster.julie@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; 200 Constitution Avenue NW; OUI/Division of Legislation; Room S-4524; Washington, D.C. 20210.