

**TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT  
NOTICE**

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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Professional Development  
Conference

1. Purpose. To update state workforce agencies (SWAs) about the UI Integrity Professional Development Conference scheduled for April 4 - 5, 2006, in Chicago, Illinois; and to encourage staff participation in the conference.
2. Background. Preventing, detecting and recovering overpayments are top priorities for UI program administrators. The 2006 UI Integrity Professional Development Conference will offer key state and Federal staff whose responsibilities include Benefit Payment Control and Internal Security activities the opportunity to share ideas, successful practices, and management strategies to minimize improper benefit payments. Topics/issues to be addressed include results from the first wave of states accessing the National Directory of New Hires, techniques to prevent fraud claims due to identity theft, making the most of available data matches, ways to improve overpayment collections, and much more. The conference will provide an opportunity to hear from U.S. Department of Labor officials representing the Employment and Training Administration, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Inspector General as well as a series of "hands on" workshop sessions featuring state leaders in benefit payment integrity.
3. Logistics. The conference will be held April 4-5, 2006, at the Wyndham Downtown Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and meeting registration are available at the conference website: <http://www.ides.state.il.us/conference/home.asp>. Conference attendees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.
4. Action Required. State Administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff and to support staff participating in the conference, including participation on workshops as panelists and/or moderators.
5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

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