TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of Significant Measures of State Unemployment Insurance Tax Systems

1. **Purpose.** To announce the initial release and availability of the report: *Significant Measures of State Unemployment Insurance Tax Systems* (available for CY 2006 and CY 2005).

2. **Background.** This new report provides better information on state tax systems for state and Federal analysts and policy makers. It will be a yearly report that will replace the Experience Rating Index report.

3. **Publication Description.** This publication provides users with in-depth information on state tax systems. Tables are provided for each state, and several items are repeated on summary tables which show all states. The twenty-four variables for each state are divided into five categories: Tax Structure Description, Contribution Levels, Benefit Charging, Experience Rating, and Distributions of Wages, Benefits, and Contributions by Effective Tax Rates. A description of how to interpret the variables is included as well as a glossary which gives the definitions of each item in the report.

   The report can be found on the ETA website at:
   Printed copies are also available upon request.

4. **Inquiries.** Comments, questions, or requests for copies of this publication should be sent to Robert Pavosevich who maybe contacted at 202-693-2935 or at Pavosevich.robert@dol.gov.