TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training Conference

1. **Purpose.** To announce the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training Conference scheduled to be held September 8-10, 2009, in St. Petersburg, Florida and to encourage state workforce agency staff participation.

2. **Background.** This training conference is designed to promote cooperation among states in managing Interstate and Combined Wage Claim (CWC) operations and to promote efficient administration of the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) programs. The conference will encourage effective and efficient implementation and use of the Interstate Connection (ICON) Network. Information will be shared about optimal use of ICON applications through discussions of state interfaces and benefits realized. The conference provides a forum for discussion of successful practices, current challenges, and issues related to the Interstate, CWC, UCFE, and UCX programs, as well as process improvements and innovations.

3. **Logistics.** The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation will host the UI Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training Conference, which will be held at the Tradewinds Island Resorts in St. Petersburg, Florida. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and meeting registration are available at the conference website: http://www.workforceatm.org/UI_IB_Florida/home.cfm.

4. **Action Requested.** State Administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff members.

5. **Inquiries.** Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.