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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: CHERYL ATKINSON /s/
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SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Professional Development
                   Conference

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To inform state workforce agencies (SWAs) about the UI Integrity Professional Development Conference scheduled for April 21-23, 2008, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and to encourage staff participation at the conference.

2. <u>Conference Highlights</u>. Preventing, detecting and recovering overpayments are top priorities for UI program administrators. The 2008 UI Integrity Professional Development Conference will offer key state and Federal staff, especially those whose responsibilities include Benefit Payment Control, Benefit Accuracy Measurement, and Internal Security activities, the opportunity to share ideas, successful practices, and management strategies to minimize improper benefit payments. Representatives from the Social Security Administration and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service's Systematic Alien Verification (SAVE) unit will discuss their data exchange programs that help prevent improper payments. Other topics and issues to be addressed include optimizing use of the National Directory of New Hires, techniques to prevent fraudulent claims due to identity theft, successful prosecution, maintaining UI integrity after a disaster, and much more. The conference will also provide attendees the opportunity to hear from U.S. Department of Labor officials representing the Employment and Training Administration and the Office of Inspector General, as well as participate in a series of "hands on" workshop sessions featuring state leaders in benefit payment integrity.

3. <u>Logistics</u>. The conference will be held April 21 – 23, 2008, at the Marriott City Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and meeting registration are available at the conference website: http://jobs.utah.gov/uiintegrity/. Conference attendees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs. The registration fee is $250.00.

4. <u>Action Required</u>.   State Administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff.

5. <u>Inquiries</u>. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.