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TO: State Workforce Agencies

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SUBJECT: Social Security Administration (SSA) Data Exchange: New Option for Independent Verification and Validation of System Security

1. Purpose. To inform the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) that SSA is willing to provide independent verification and validation (IV&V) of state systems to facilitate SWA-SSA data exchange.
2. References. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 29-02, UIPL No. 19-04.
3. Background. A Memorandum of Understanding between the SSA and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in 2004 established an “on-line/real time” data exchange between the SSA and each SWA that chooses to participate. This data exchange provides SWAs with information to verify the identity of claimants which helps detect potentially fraudulent claims and prevents overpayments due to incorrect amounts of deductible Social Security benefits reported by claimants. To participate in this data exchange, the states must sign agreements with SSA, perform a review of their data system’s security, and obtain an Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) certification of system security.
4. SSA IV&V. Recently, SSA has performed IV&V for some states and is willing to perform IV&V for other states that have not yet implemented the on-line/real time SSA data exchange. This service by SSA could result in a substantial cost saving for the states that take advantage of the offer.
5. Action required. Please contact your SSA Regional Office to initiate the process. A list of offices and contact numbers is attached.

6. Inquiries. Inquires should be directed to your ETA Regional Office.
7. Attachments.
 - a. SSA Regional Office Online Data Exchange Coordinators
 - b. SWA Access to SSA Data through the Internet Connection Network IV&V Specifications