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TO: ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of Final Report Titled *Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment Study*

1. **Purpose.** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the release and availability of a report titled: *Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) Study*.
2. **Background.** The U.S. Department of Labor's (USDOL) ETA established the REA Initiative in 2005. The goals of the REA Initiative were to enhance the rapid reemployment of unemployed workers, eliminate potential overpayments, and realize cost savings for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) trust fund.
3. **Publication Description.** To study the implementation of the REA Initiative and to test its efficacy, DOL selected nine states for a pilot evaluation: California, Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, and Washington. As part of this study, states were requested to collect and report data on REA services, and on selected outcomes for REA participants and a comparison group of unemployment insurance claimants.

This report presents an analysis of the early implementation of the REA Initiative, issues and challenges inherent in developing the required comparison group methodology, and a discussion of data reporting issues. The report also includes an analysis of REA impacts on employment and UI benefits receipt in two states (Minnesota and North Dakota). While the results of the impact analysis are not conclusive, they suggest that REA is likely to be an effective strategy to enhance the rapid reemployment of unemployed workers, reduce overpayments, and realize cost savings for the UI trust fund.

4. **Availability.** To download the full report or introduction as a PDF, visit the ETA Research Publication Database Web site at: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/research/keyword.cfm>. To request a hard copy of this publication, call the order line at 202-693-3666, or write the Dissemination Team, Division of Policy, Legislation and Dissemination, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N5641, Washington, DC 20210.

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5. **Inquiries.** Questions on the content of the evaluation may be directed to Heidi Casta, Division Chief, in the Division of Research and Evaluation, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 202-693-3700 or casta.heidi@dol.gov.