

Unemployment Insurance Innovation Awards

Award Criteria, Eligibility, and Selection

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Innovation Awards

The United States Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance, presents the Unemployment Insurance Innovation Awards to honor states for significant innovations in three categories.

CRITERIA

One winner will be chosen for each of the following three categories:

A. Integrity – Innovations to improve program integrity by reducing erroneous UI benefit payments, preventing the avoidance of unemployment tax liability and/or misclassification of workers, and improving the collection of overpayments and tax assessments.

B. Improved Worker and Employer Services – Innovations to improve service delivery in the areas of benefit payments, claims processing, adjudication, and tax processing.

C. Reemployment – Innovations to improve the employment outcomes of individuals receiving UI.

Nominations must demonstrate outcomes achieved as a result of these innovations.

ELIGIBILITY

Any state unemployment insurance agency may be nominated for this award. States may nominate themselves or be nominated by another individual or entity.

Note: In any year, based on the quality of nominations, the selection team may select no recipient or select multiple recipients.

SELECTION

Nominations shall be reviewed by a panel of judges appointed by the Administrator of the Office of Unemployment Insurance.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

- Nominations must be made in writing emailed to OUI.Anniversary@dol.gov or hand delivered or sent and received via courier (e.g. Fed-Ex, UPS, etc...) to the following address by Friday, September 17, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. EST. (Note: Please do **not** send your nomination via USPS as security measures related to USPS mail will delay delivery.)

Office of Unemployment Insurance
Attn: U.I. Innovation Awards
200 Constitution Ave, N.W.
Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4231
Washington, DC 20210

- The nomination and documentation must be in English or translated into English.
- The nomination must include: 1) the name of the state agency being nominated; 2) a description of the innovation implemented by the state to improve program integrity, worker and employer services, or reemployment; and 3) documented outcomes as a result of the innovation.
- Nomination narratives must be limited to 2 pages.