## TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

NO. 30-09 DATE March 2, 2010

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/

**Assistant Secretary** 

SUBJECT: 2010 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity

Professional Development Conference

- **1.** <u>Purpose</u>. To announce the 2010 UI Integrity Professional Development Conference scheduled for April 19-21, in Arlington, Virginia, and to request agenda items and encourage staff participation at the conference.
- 2. <u>Background</u>. Preventing, detecting, and recovering overpayments are top priorities for UI program administrators. The 2010 UI Integrity Professional Development Conference will offer state and Federal staff, whose responsibilities include Benefit Payment Control, Internal Security and other integrity-related activities, the opportunity to share ideas, successful practices, and management strategies to minimize improper benefit payments.
- **3.** <u>Conference Topics</u>. The conference will include plenary sessions and workshops on a broad range of relevant topics. Such topics will include information on successful prosecutions, innovative uses of technology to deter and detect fraud, development of staff training tools, effective overpayment collection and prevention practices, and much more.
  - Conference attendees will hear from U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) officials representing the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Office of Inspector General as well as state leaders responsible for benefit payment integrity. States may send suggestions for additional agenda topics to their appropriate ETA Regional Office.
- **4.** <u>Logistics</u>. The conference will be held during April 19-21, 2010, at the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington (generally known as Crystal City), Virginia. A draft agenda and detailed information about the hotel and conference registration are available at the conference Web site: <a href="https://www.vec.virginia.gov/vecportal/unins/UI2010/">https://www.vec.virginia.gov/vecportal/unins/UI2010/</a>.

The registration fee is \$275.00 through March 31, 2010. After March 31, 2010, the registration fee will be \$300.00. Conference attendees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. USDOL will reimburse states' travel costs (up to \$1700 per state) for staff attending the conference. Reimbursable costs based on Federal guidelines are for travel, registration fees, per diem, and lodging expenses. Those states that have staff attending the conference will receive the travel cost reimbursement (up to \$1,700) in their above-base funding.

- **5.** <u>Action Requested</u>. State Administrators are requested to provide this information to appropriate staff and are encouraged to have staff attend and participate as workshop panelists and/or moderators.
- **6.** <u>Inquiries</u>. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.