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| TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT<br>NOTICE | <b>NO.</b> 27-15                 |
|                                   | <b>DATE</b><br>February 25, 2016 |

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

**FROM:** PORTIA WU /s/  
Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Release and Availability of the *Significant Provisions of State Unemployment Insurance Laws Effective January 2016*

- 1. Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of the *Significant Provisions of State Unemployment Insurance Laws Effective January 2016*.
- 2. Background.** The U.S. Department of Labor publishes biannual editions of the *Significant Provisions of State Unemployment Insurance Laws* that provide key data on unemployment insurance benefits and taxes in the states.
- 3. Publication Description.** This publication provides information on each state's wage requirements for unemployment insurance benefit eligibility, computation and amount of the weekly benefit, number of allowable benefit weeks and benefit week calculation, and the amount of earnings that will be disregarded for those individuals who are working part-time. It also provides information on the size of employer payroll required to pay taxes, the amount of wages subject to tax, and tax rates specific to each state's program.

The *Significant Provisions* publication is available online at  
<http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/statelaws.asp>.

- 4. Inquiries.** Comments concerning this publication should be addressed to Loryn Lancaster at 202-693-2994 or at [lancaster.loryn@dol.gov](mailto:lancaster.loryn@dol.gov), or Julie Balster at 202-693-3615 or at [balster.julie@dol.gov](mailto:balster.julie@dol.gov). Comments can also be mailed to any of the above at the following address: U.S. Department of Labor; 200 Constitution Avenue NW; OUI/Division of Legislation; Room S-4524; Washington, D.C. 20210.