

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 10-24
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Announcing Webinar for the Integrity Data Hub (IDH) Employer Data Module (EDM): A New UI Employer Integrity Tool

1. **Purpose.** To announce the IDH EDM webinar, which is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 3:00pm (Eastern Time).
2. **Action Requested.** The Department of Labor’s (Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests State Workforce Agency Administrators provide the information contained in this Training and Employment Notice (TEN) to appropriate program integrity and other staff in the state Unemployment Insurance (UI) system and strongly encourage staff to participate in the upcoming webinar on this topic.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This TEN announces a national webinar for states to learn more about the new EDM functionality available to state UI programs through the IDH. The National Association of State Workforce Agencies’ (NASWA) will host the webinar on the Zoom meeting platform Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Registration is available at https://naswa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IBs_2ID1TgecO_wzTLpBWw.
 - b. Background – The UI system continues combatting sophisticated identity (ID) fraud, including increased occurrences of fictitious employer schemes. Just as fraud continues to evolve, so must states in their efforts to identify and prevent it. States must employ a multi-layered approach to fraud prevention and detection, using an array of controls, tools, strategies, and resources to identify fraud and reduce improper payments. States cannot rely solely on a single service or solution to detect complex and rapidly changing fraud threats.

The IDH is a critical payment integrity tool, that must also continue evolving to provide states with robust and effective fraud detection and prevention support. The Department provided funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, to NASWA’s UI Integrity Center, to support ongoing improvements and enhancements to the IDH, which includes making additional data sources available to states for cross-matching and expanding IDH functionality to help states identify employer-related fraud schemes.

On May 2, 2024, ETA issued TEN No. 28-23, announcing a new data sharing partnership with the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Bureau of the Fiscal Service, and an updated version of the IDH Participation Agreement (PA) – Version 6.0, which is required to access Treasury’s Do Not Pay data source and services being made available for cross-matching through the IDH. Executing IDH PA – Version 6.0, is also required to access the new EDM functionality in the IDH. ETA expects all states to update their IDH PA to Version 6.0, by no later than December 31, 2024.

4. **Webinar Details.** In this webinar, attendees will learn about the new EDM functionality made available to states through the IDH. Members of the IDH team will provide participants with detailed information about the new EDM and how it can support their efforts to identify employer fraud. In the EDM's first phase, states can create known fictitious employer records in the Fictitious Employer Repository (FER) and cross-match employer registration data against the FER and fictitious employer fraud alerts. The webinar will conclude with a question and answers session, allowing attendees to ask questions to address their specific needs. Additional features for the EDM are planned for the near future.

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5. **Inquiries.** Direct any inquiries regarding the content of the webinar to Bridget Fluckes at bfluckes@naswa.org. Direct any inquiries regarding registration information to naswa-meetings@naswa.org. Please direct other inquiries to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2, enacted March 11, 2021;
- Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA), Pub. L. 116-117 <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ117/PLAW-116publ117.pdf>;
- 20 C.F.R. Part 603, *Federal-State Unemployment Compensation (UC) Program; Confidentiality and Disclosure of State UC Information*, <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-20/chapter-V/part-603>;
- TEN No. 28-23, *Announcement of a New Data Sharing Partnership Between the U.S. Department of Treasury’s (Treasury) Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies’ (NASWA) Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Center to provide State UI Agencies Access to Do Not Pay Working System (DNP) Data Sources and Services through the UI Integrity Data Hub (IDH)*, issued May 2, 2024, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/ten-28-23>.

7. **Attachment(s).** Not Applicable.