## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210

CLASSIFICATION
UI

CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL
OWS/DFAS

DATE
April 10, 2007

**ADVISORY:** UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 18-07

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

**FROM:** EMILY STOVER DEROCCO /s/

**Assistant Secretary** 

**SUBJECT:** Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Process for the

**Decennial Census** 

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide a new Federal Identification Code (FIC) for the U.S. Bureau of the Census and solicit state cooperation in handling the large influx of claimants expected as a result of the 2010 decennial census.

2. **Background.** The Bureau of the Census conducts a census by mailing or delivering questionaires to every household in the United States every ten years. To assist in the effort, the Census Bureau hires temporary workers around the nation.

Beginning in 2006 and running through 2012, the Bureau of the Census will hire and release over half a million temporary employees to work on the 2010 census. In 2006, South Dakota and Texas served as census test sites for the 2010 census. In 2008, San Joaquin County, CA and Fayetteville, NC will serve as dress rehearsal sites for the 2010 census. In 2009, 500 local census offices will open around the country, and it is expected that 80,000 employees will be hired and released as part of preliminary testing exercises.

During the 2010 census itself, nationwide hiring will peak at 500,000. Many of these employees will be released during the months of May, June, and July 2010. Employment in individual states is expected to range from 1,000 to 50,000.

All of the individuals hired by the Bureau of the Census for services performed in connection with the decennial census are covered for UCFE purposes. After their work is completed, many of these individuals will file for unemployment benefits. For unemployment insurance program purposes, these temporary workers should be administered using a unique FIC.

RESCISSIONS	EXPIRATION DATE
None	April 10, 2008

3. <u>Federal Identification Code Number</u>. The Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security has deactivated FIC 910, which was the FIC for temporary workers for the 2000 census, and it should no longer be used for any reporting purposes. State agencies should continue to charge UCFE benefits for **permanent** employees at the Bureau of the Census to FIC 450.

The Department has assigned FIC 913 for the Bureau's **temporary** workers. This code became effective March 1, 2007.

Wage and separation information requests should be sent to:

Bureau of Census-2010 decennial census C/O TALX UC eXpress P.O. Box 66945 St. Louis, MO 63166 Attn: Karlene Gross /Phone (800) 366-6660 Ext. 2311

Quarterly detailed listing for benefit charges should be sent to:

Bureau of Census-2010 decennial census C/O TALX UC eXpress P.O. Box 66945 St. Louis, MO 63166 Attn: Opie Brooks/Phone (800) 366-6660 Ext. 2147

- 4. **Action Required.** State agencies are requested to:
  - a. Provide the above information to the appropriate staff; and
  - b. Ensure that UCFE benefits paid to temporary 2010 census workers are properly charged to FIC 913.
- 5. **Inquiries.** Direct all inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.