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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: DOUGLAS F. SMALL /s/

Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: New Temporary Federal Additional Compensation Program

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide states with instructions for implementing and operating the new temporary Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) program, including fiscal and reporting instructions.
- 2. References. Section 2002 ("Increase in Unemployment Compensation Benefits") of Division B, Title II, the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 enacted on February 17, 2009; Title III, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 501, et seq.); Federal Unemployment Tax Act (26 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.); Section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended; Section 233 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended; 20 CFR Parts 603, 615, 616, and 650; Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 29-05; UIPL 12-87; UIPL 12-87, Change 1; UIPL 23-08; UIPL 23-08 Changes 1, 2, and 3; and ET Handbook 401 Unemployment Insurance Reports Handbook.
- 3. <u>Summary</u>. The FAC program provides a \$25 weekly supplement to the unemployment compensation of eligible claimants. This \$25 supplement, as well as any additional administrative expenses incurred by the state in paying the supplement, is 100 percent funded from Federal general revenues.

FAC is payable to individuals who are otherwise entitled under state law to receive regular unemployment compensation (UC) for weeks of unemployment. FAC is also payable to individuals receiving the following Federal and other state unemployment benefit programs: Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers (UCX), Emergency Unemployment Compensation, 2008 (EUC08), Extended Benefits (EB), Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), Short-Time Compensation (STC), and payments under the Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) programs. However, FAC is not payable as a supplement to state additional compensation.

The FAC program is administered through voluntary agreements between states and the U.S. Department of Labor (the Department). FAC is payable in a state the week

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following the week in which the agreement is signed. In most states, where the week of unemployment ends on Saturday, the first week for which FAC may be paid is the week ending February 28, 2009. FAC is not payable for any week beginning after June 30, 2010. Accordingly, in states where the week of unemployment ends on Saturday, the last week that FAC benefits may be paid is the week ending July 3, 2010.

States are required to submit a separate financial status report (ETA 9130) for administrative grants and costs associated with the FAC program.

- 4. <u>Guidance</u>. This document furnishes information about the FAC program and provides the Department's interpretation of Section 2002 of Division B, Title II, Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In its role as the principal in the FAC program, the Department issues these operating instructions to guide states in implementing and administering the FAC program. As agents of the Department in administrating the FAC program, states must follow the guidance as provided in the attached operating instructions.
- 5. <u>Action</u>. Administrators are to provide this information and instructions to the appropriate staff.
- 6. <u>Inquiries</u>. Direct questions to the appropriate Regional Office.
- 7. Attachments.

Attachment A—Implementing and Operating Instructions for the FAC program

Attachment B—General Provisions for Administering FAC

Attachment C—Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act