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**ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 22-21,
Change 1**

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

**FROM: LENITA JACOBS-SIMMONS /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary**

**SUBJECT: Extension of Time to Submit Request for Funding under Grant Opportunity
Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 22-21**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this UIPL is to advise states that the deadline for submitting an SF-424 for grants to assist states with fraud detection and prevention, including identity verification and overpayment recovery activities, in all unemployment compensation (UC) programs, is extended to October 31, 2021.
2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s (Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that State Workforce Agency Administrators provide information contained in this UIPL to appropriate staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – On August 11, 2021, the Department issued UIPL No. 22-21 advising states of the availability of funding for fraud detection and prevention, including identity verification and overpayment recovery activities, in all UC programs. In that UIPL states were advised that SF-424 requests for grants should be submitted no later than September 13, 2021. The Department has determined that states may need additional time to submit SF-424s, and is extending the deadline to October 31, 2021.
 - b. Background – On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) into law (Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-2). Section 9032, ARPA, creates a new Section 2118 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136) and provides a \$2,000,000,000 appropriation to the Secretary of Labor to detect and prevent fraud, to promote equitable access, and to ensure timely payment of benefits to eligible workers with respect to UC programs. *See* section 5.b. of UIPL No. 22-21 for appropriate uses for such funds.
4. **Guidance.** Section 5.d. of UIPL No. 22-21 provides instructions for applying for a grant under this offering. That section notes that the deadline for submission of applications is September 13, 2021. One of the allowable uses for these funds is to procure, implement, and

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pay reoccurring subscription costs and/or ongoing maintenance costs of identity verification and fraud detection solutions, including using funds to pay for services provided through an order issued for a state by the Department against one of the Department's identity proofing Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs). The Department plans to issue instructions to states on the BPAs and the procedures for the Department to issue orders under those BPAs, in accordance with federal procurement regulations.

The Department has determined that states may need additional time to review UIPL No. 22-21 and to develop an SF-424 in response to the solicitation. Therefore, the Department is extending the deadline for submission of the SF-424 to October 31, 2021. All other information in UIPL No. 22-21 remains the same.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to COVID-19@dol.gov, with a copy to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- American Rescue Plan Act, Pub L. 117-2, enacted March 11, 2021;
- CARES Act, Pub. L. 116-136, enacted March 23, 2020; and
- UIPL No. 22-21, *Grant Opportunity to Support States with Fraud Detection and Prevention, Including Identity Verification and Overpayment Recovery Activities, in All Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs*, issued August 11, 2021, https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=4240.

7. **Attachment(s).** None.