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MEMORANDUM FOR: GOVERNORS PRESS OFFICES
STATE WORKFORCE AGENCY ADMINISTRATORS
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIRECTORS

FROM: JANE OATES *Jane Oates*
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 75th Anniversary of the Unemployment Insurance
Program

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration is planning for the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. The UI program is a Federal/State partnership and states are largely responsible for the program's administration and success. Given the extraordinary work that states have done to ensure that unemployed workers receive this critical income support during this recession, you may want to take this opportunity to recognize that hard work.

The Department of Labor is planning to mark this anniversary in a number of ways, including development of a new UI video and a commemorative poster, which we will be sharing with states to use in their own celebrations. In addition, we are collaborating with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies to have a National Unemployment Insurance Conference to be held October 18 – 21 in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

We are beginning the celebration just prior to the actual anniversary, which is August 14, 2010. We are providing you an advance copy of a UI Summary and a UI Fact Sheet. On Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis will issue a statement recognizing this important anniversary. Keep an eye on www.dol.gov to get a copy of the statement when it is issued.

In addition to providing this information to national press contacts, we will also be distributing this information to state capital newspapers. We hope you'll join us in letting the press know about this important anniversary.

If you have any questions, please contact Gay Gilbert, Administrator of the Office of Unemployment Insurance at gilbert.gay@dol.gov or (202) 693-3029.

Attachments