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FROM: JANE OATES /s/

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SUBJECT: Recovery and Reemployment Research Conference

- **1. <u>Purpose.</u>** To announce the Recovery and Reemployment Research Conference to be held September 15-16, 2009 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C., and to encourage participation by the workforce community of policy makers, practitioners, researchers, and federal partners.
- **2. Background.** The conference is designed to give the workforce community an opportunity to engage with experts and colleagues to broaden their understanding of critical labor issues and challenges in the present economy. This conference translates specific research, pilot, demonstration, and evaluation efforts into actionable strategies that can be used in the workforce system. The conference, from a research perspective, builds on the success of the *ReEmployment Works!* Summit and subsequent Regional Recovery and Reemployment Forums. Participants will have the opportunity to hear about workforce strategies for green jobs, entrepreneurship, training, unemployment and reemployment services, and research and policy tools to manage and improve systems. A goal of the conference is for participants to gain insight into what works and what can be replicated in communities across the nation. The conference will feature a combination of plenary sessions and workshops, including presentations by ETA leaders.
- **3.** <u>Logistics.</u> The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration will host the Recovery and Reemployment Research Conference at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. Registration and additional information are available at the conference website: www.recoveryandreemployment.com.

Please note: Space is limited. There is no conference fee. Interested individuals are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

4. <u>Action Requested</u>. State administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff members.

5. <u>Inquiries.</u> For additional information related to registering for the research conference, contact Lauren Focarazzo of IMPAQ International, the logistical contractor for the conference, at lfocarazzo@impaqint.com or 866-677-4283 (this is a toll-free number). For other inquiries, contact Janet Javar of the Office of Policy Development and Research, USDOL/ETA, at javar.janet@dol.gov or 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room N-5641, Washington, D.C., 20210.