

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 39-16
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: BYRON ZUIDEMA /s/
Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2017 Unemployment Insurance (UI) State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) Training Seminar

- 1. Purpose.** To announce the 2017 UI SIDES Training Seminar, being held April 18-20, 2017, in Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2. Background.** The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) is a national organization of state administrators of the publicly-funded state workforce system, delivering policy expertise on workforce development, including UI and other transitional support, as the voice of state workforce agencies. For several years, NASWA has offered an annual UI SIDES Training Seminar for states. The NASWA SIDES Team will be leading the 2017 UI SIDES Training Seminar, which begins the morning of April 18 and ends at 3:00pm on April 20. The purpose of the Seminar is to facilitate SIDES-related business and technical discussions between state UI agencies and employers or their third party administrators (TPAs).

The Seminar agenda will highlight best practices, including successfully partnering with employers and TPAs for the best information exchange results and discussions about UI integrity and the role SIDES plays. Some of the workshop topics will include the following: implementation of additional SIDES exchanges; state strategies for engaging employer participation in SIDES; the “dos and don’ts” of implementing the SIDES single sign-on option; and fact-finding 101 for employers/TPAs explaining why states ask particular eligibility-related questions. The target audience is UI Directors, UI benefit managers, adjudication managers, state and employer/TPA SIDES liaisons, SIDES IT system analysts and programmers and other appropriate staff as determined by states and employers.

- 3. Conference Location.** NASWA will host the 2017 SIDES Training Seminar on April 18-20, 2017, at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64111. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and seminar registration are available on NASWA’s website at <http://www.naswa.org/meetings>.
- 4. Travel Costs.** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) recognizes the importance of states attending this Seminar to increase the consistency and use of the SIDES system. **Each participating state will be provided up to \$2,000 to help cover travel costs.**

and within walking distance of the hotel will be posted on NASWA's website on the Training Seminar's webpage.

8. **Action Requested.** State Administrators are encouraged to share this information with appropriate staff and authorize staff to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the Training Seminar.
9. **Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding the Training Seminar's content or participation in the Seminar should be directed to Jamie Abbott at jamie.abbott@itsc.org. Inquiries regarding registration and hotel information should be directed to Jeff Becker at jbecker@naswa.org.