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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

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SUBJECT: New Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) Resource Pages

1. **Purpose.** To announce the availability of two online resource pages devoted to supporting states' efforts in implementing and complying with the new RESEA program requirements.
2. **Action Requested.** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests State Administrators to provide this information to all staff responsible for implementation of the RESEA program at the state and local levels, including Unemployment Insurance (UI) staff and other workforce program staff that deliver RESEA services and/or oversee program administration and evaluations, and to promote use of these two online resources regularly.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – To announce the availability of two online resource pages devoted to supporting states as they implement and operate their RESEA program within the new program requirements: (1) the “RESEA Landing Page” for general RESEA information (<https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/RESEA>) and (2) the dedicated “RESEA topic area tab” on the Department’s Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR) (<https://clear.dol.gov/reemployment-services-and-eligibility-assessments-resea>)
 - b. Background – On February 9, 2018, the President signed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123, which amends the Social Security Act (SSA) to create a permanent authorization for the RESEA program. The new permanently authorized RESEA program provides a number of new requirements the implementation of which are phased in over several years.

ETA previously provided technical assistance resources and materials to support states' implementation of the RESEA program. However, the sites used to host this information organized the various RESEA resources as a subcategory under the broader topic of “reemployment.” Recognizing RESEA’s permanent authorization and various new requirements, ETA, in partnership with the Department’s Chief Evaluation Office, reorganized the RESEA resources into two primary resource pages. This reorganization is intended to facilitate states’ access to previously issued

and forthcoming information and resources necessary to successfully implement the new RESEA program.

4. **New RESEA Resource Pages.**

1. ***RESEA Landing Page*** – The new “RESEA Landing Page” is hosted on the Reemployment Connections Resource Page (<https://rc.workforcegps.org/>), which is part of ETA’s knowledge-sharing site, WorkforceGPS (www.workforcegps.org). This landing page will become a comprehensive location for information to support states with all components of the RESEA program, including operations, performance reporting, promising practices, and evaluation and evidence resources and information. The landing page can be accessed directly at:
<https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/RESEA>

2. ***Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR)’s “RESEA topic area tab”*** – The Department’s Chief Evaluation Office developed CLEAR (<https://clear.dol.gov/>) to make research on labor topics more accessible to practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and the public so that it can inform their decisions about labor policies and programs. CLEAR does this by conducting independent, systematic evidence reviews of research and evaluation reports on labor topics, and then reviewing and summarizing those studies. CLEAR currently has over 700 studies summarized across 18 labor-related topic areas, including “Reemployment,” and is continually growing. The new RESEA topic area tab on CLEAR is devoted to identifying evaluations in the reemployment evidence base that are relevant to the RESEA program. Moving forward, CLEAR will conduct periodic independent RESEA evidence reviews, add to the list of studies and interventions studied in the RESEA topic area tab, and assign causal evidence ratings to both impact studies of RESEA interventions and the RESEA interventions themselves. This site will be an essential resource for states as they develop or further refine evidence-based RESEA strategies and contemplate building new evidence. CLEAR’s RESEA topic area tab can be accessed directly at:
<https://clear.dol.gov/reemployment-services-and-eligibility-assessments-resea>

5. **Inquiries.** For further information, please direct inquiries to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-123; and
- Sections 303(j) and 306 of the SSA.

7. **Attachments.** Not Applicable.