

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 23-21
	DATE March 14, 2022

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: ANGELA HANKS /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs Training

1. **Purpose.** To announce the 2022 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Interstate Benefits and Federal Programs (IBFP) Training scheduled to be held May 10-12, 2022, in Orlando, Florida, and encourage state administrators to send their Interstate/Federal Program Coordinators and Interstate Connection (ICON) programmer(s) to the training.
2. **Action Requested.** State Administrators are encouraged to provide this information to appropriate staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This notice announces the availability of IBFP training that will be conducted May 10-12, 2022.
 - b. Background – The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) will conduct the IBFP Training. This two-day training, led by NASWA’s UI Interstate Benefits (IB) Subcommittee, will promote cooperation among states in managing IB and Combined Wage Claim (CWC) operations and fostering efficient administration of the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program, and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) program. This training will encourage effective and efficient implementation and use of the ICON network. Information will be shared about optimal use of ICON applications through discussions of state interfaces and benefits realized. In addition, the training will provide a forum for discussion of successful practices, current challenges, and issues related to the IB system and the CWC, UCFE, and UCX programs. This training will also include information on process improvements and innovative projects on the horizon such as ICON Modernization and the latest update on the UCFE automation project, known as the Federal State Data Exchange System (FSDES).
4. **Logistics.** NASWA, with support from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, will host the UI IBFP Training at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Orlando at Sea World in Orlando, Florida. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and meeting registration are available on NASWA’s website at [2022 National UI IB Training and Federal Programs National Association of State Workforce Agencies](https://www.naswa.org/2022-National-UI-IB-Training-and-Federal-Programs-National-Association-of-State-Workforce-Agencies) (naswa.org).

The Employment Training Administration (ETA) recognizes the importance of state staff attending this training and will provide travel funding for up to two state staff to attend the training in the amount of \$1500 per staff member and will provide \$3,000 to each participating state to help cover travel costs. Allowable travel costs include transportation, hotel lodging, per diem costs (consistent with the General Services Administration or the state's out-of-state per diem requirements, whichever is less), and minor incidental costs, such as parking. ETA will add these funds to participating states' above base distribution for the 1st quarter of FY 2022 when the distribution is made.

5. **Inquiries.** Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.
6. **References.** Not applicable.
7. **Attachments.** Not applicable.