

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 02-23
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: BRENT PARTON 
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Center Webinar: “Leveraging Federal Funds to Support More Robust Integrity Data Hub (IDH) Utilization”

1. **Purpose.** To announce the “Leveraging Federal Funds to Support More Robust IDH Utilization” webinar that will be hosted by the UI Integrity Center on August 1, 2023.
2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s (the Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) encourages State Workforce Agency Administrators to share this information with appropriate staff and support staff for participation in the webinar.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This Training and Employment Notice (TEN) announces the “Leveraging Federal Funds to Support More Robust IDH Utilization” webinar that will be hosted by the UI Integrity Center on August 1, 2023.
 - b. Background — The Department is focused on strengthening UI program integrity, making it a top agency priority. ETA is committed to addressing UI fraud and improper payments by exploring, researching, identifying, investing in, and providing states with new and/or enhanced tools, resources, strategies, funding, and guidance to help states combat the constantly evolving and newly emerging types of fraud impacting the UI system. This includes investing in and strongly encouraging states to use the resources provided by the UI Integrity Center, which is funded by ETA and operated by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA). The IDH, one of many resources provided by the UI Integrity Center, is a secure, robust, centralized, multi-state data system that allows participating states to cross-match, compare, and analyze state unemployment compensation (UC) claims data against a variety of datasets. As states face challenges combatting increased, sophisticated fraud attacks, the UI Integrity Center continues to increase the IDH’s functionality by adding new datasets, data analytics, risk prioritization capabilities, and other tools to aid states in more quickly identifying potential fraud. In addition, since the onset of the pandemic, states’ participation in and use of the IDH has increased significantly, enhancing the IDH’s ability to offer a more powerful multi-state fraud detection tool.

On August 11, 2021, ETA issued Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 22-21, making available to states up to \$140 million to support states with fraud detection and prevention. On July 13, 2023, ETA issued UIPL No. 11-23, which provided states with information on both required and strongly recommended strategies, tools, and services for UI fraud risk mitigation, improper payment reduction, and overpayment recovery; and announced the availability of up to \$100 million to strengthen UI program integrity. UIPL No. 11-23, outlined expectations that states consider the frequency of cross-matches within the life of the claim; where in the UI process a fraud prevention tool, solution, or resource is best used; and how investigations can be prioritized to reduce improper payments. The UIPL also identifies the IDH as a recommended integrity control and highlights actions states should take to strengthen fraud prevention and detection using the IDH.

4. **Webinar Details.** ETA strongly encourages state participation in the “Leveraging Federal Funds to Support More Robust IDH Utilization” webinar. This webinar will discuss how funds from federal grant opportunities (*see* UIPL Nos. 22-21 and 11-23) can be used to help states leverage the IDH most effectively and will highlight current IDH functionality and best practices supporting robust use of the IDH. The webinar is open to all states and there is no cost to attend.

NASWA will host the webinar on the Zoom meeting platform on August 1, 2023, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM (Eastern Time). Registration is available at https://naswa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QxDI_WgYS3GzSa94KBQn1A.

5. **Inquiries.** Direct any inquiries regarding the content of the webinar to James Cotter at jcotter@naswa.org. Direct any inquiries regarding registration information to naswa-meetings@naswa.org.

6. **References.**

- UIPL No. 11-23, *Announcement of Grant Opportunities and National Identity (ID) Verification Offering under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)*, issued July 13, 2023, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-11-23>; and
- UIPL No. 22-21, *Grant Opportunity to Support States with Fraud Detection and Prevention, Including Identity Verification and Overpayment Recovery Activities, in All Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs*, issued August 11, 2021, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/unemployment-insurance-program-letter-no-22-21>.

7. **Attachment(s).** Not Applicable.