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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
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SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Validation (DV) Program Questions and Answers

1. **Purpose**. To respond to questions regarding the UI DV Program.

2. **References**. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 03-04, "Unemployment Insurance Data Validation (UI DV) Program Status and Guidance;" UIPL No. 22-05, "Unemployment Insurance Data Validation (UI DV) Program Software and Policy Guidance;" UIPL No. 22-05, Change 1, "Unemployment Insurance Data Validation (UI DV) Program Activities During Validation Years (VY) 2007 and VY 2008 and Policy Clarification;" UIPL No. 22-05, Change 2, "Unemployment Insurance Data Validation (UI DV) Program Activities During Validation Years (VY) 2008 and Beyond;" and ETA Handbook No. 361 (UI Benefits and UI Tax Data Validation Handbooks).

3. **Background**. UI DV is necessary to ensure that data reported by states and used by the Department to measure performance for administrative fund allocations, economic analysis, and other purposes are accurate and comparable across states.

   The operation of the UI DV program has changed significantly over the past few years. These changes include the issuance of several software releases, data extract and data transmission procedures, and the structure of the database that stores DV summary results. The Department has provided policy guidance in the documents cited in the References section. These changes and guidance have generated discussion in the states. The attachment to this advisory is a compilation of questions and answers provided as guidance to the states in the operation of the UI DV program.

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4. **Action Requested**. State Administrators are requested to distribute this guidance to appropriate staff.

5. **Inquiries**. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

6. **Attachment**. Attachment - Questions and Answers on Data Validation.