EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210

CLASSIFICATION
UI

CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL
OUI/DUIO

DATE
January 3, 2017

ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 7-17

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: PORTIA WU /s/

Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2017 Pay Adjustments for Annual Salary Rates for General Schedule (GS)

Federal Employees in 31 Locality Pay Areas

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To ensure states are aware of the locality-based salary rates for certain Federal civilian employees.

- **2.** <u>References.</u> Chapters V and XI, Employment and Training Handbook No. 391, *Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Instructions for State Agencies.*
- **3.** <u>Background</u>. The 2017 pay rates for certain Federal civilian employees have been posted to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website. The 2017 pay rates are effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

Information about the 2017 Annual Salary Rates is located on the OPM Web site at: https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/.

- **4.** <u>Instructions.</u> The GS salary rates on the OPM Web site may be used by states in conjunction with other appropriate documentation for estimating monetary entitlement for unemployment benefits. The information may also be used by states in determining the amount of potentially disqualifying remuneration if a Federal agency does not provide a timely response to a request for information.
- **5.** <u>Action Requested</u>. State Administrators are requested to provide the above information to appropriate staff.
- **6. <u>Inquiries</u>.** Please direct all inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

RESCISSIONS	EXPIRATION DATE
None	January 1, 2018