

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 10-56

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Regional Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Michael Taylor, Director
Department of Workforce Development

Date: June 10, 2010

Subject: **Secretary's Letter to UI Benefit Exhaustees**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a letter from Secretary Goldstein to individuals identified as having either exhausted, or about to exhaust their Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

Background: On June 4, 2010, the Division of Unemployment Insurance began mailing a letter (Attachment A) to UI claimants who have recently exhausted or are about to exhaust their claim, advising them to check the status of the claim to assure they receive all benefits to which they are entitled. Additionally, the letter suggests they continue to check the DUA website for updates regarding any future federal extensions and also provides information regarding continuation of health benefits and job search and training services available through the One-Stop Career Center system.

The mailing also included a flyer (Attachment B) providing information related to food and housing assistance, veterans' benefits, child support, elder services and other helpful community resources.

Action: Please assure that all appropriate staff are informed of the content of this issuance.

Inquiries: Please direct all questions and inquiries to the Division of Unemployment Assistance at 877-626-6800.