

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 13-20

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
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DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 9, 2013

Subject: **Mortgage Relief for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claimants and Unemployed Workers at American Job Centers (AJCs)**

Purpose: To inform Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a national partnership among the Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Treasury and Labor (DOL) to expand awareness of mortgage relief for UI claimants and unemployed workers.

Training and Employment Notice, [TEN 30-12](#), dated April 5, 2013, describes mortgage relief programs that have helped thousands of unemployed borrowers to reduce or suspend their mortgage payments through these programs, but many more have never heard of the programs or do not know that they are eligible for relief.

Background: Acting Secretary of Labor Seth D. Harris sent a letter to all governors announcing a partnership to promote the Administration's foreclosure prevention programs through local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) and American Job Centers (One-Stop Career Centers). This notice is intended to encourage local WIBs and AJCs to identify opportunities to promote the Making Home Affordable (MHA) program and other mortgage assistance to those who may benefit.

Action

Required: DOL, HUD, and Treasury ask that local WIBs and AJCs provide leadership in sharing information on these programs for unemployed workers to help them avoid losing their homes. TEN 30-12 contains numerous strategies to promote awareness of these important programs, links to websites and a toll free number to connect eligible homeowners with HUD-approved housing experts.

Inquiries: Information about MHA programs is available at 888-995-HOPE and www.MakingHomeAffordable.gov.