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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: November 10, 2016

Subject: **WIOA and Unemployment Insurance (UI) Confidentiality Webinar**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a training event through [WorkforceGPS: “WIOA and Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) Confidentiality: What States Should Know”](#) live webinar. The event is **Tuesday, November 22nd** from 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Background: Access to wage records has great priority under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The use of wage records for WIOA core program performance and eligible training provider performance reporting purposes, and disclosure of wage records for certain Department of Labor and Education Department evaluations is mandatory under WIOA Section 116(e)(4).

It is essential that state UI agencies coordinate disclosure of wage records for mandatory performance reporting and for identifying, and measuring the performance of, eligible training providers so the state may comply with WIOA requirements. To facilitate this mandatory data matching, DOL amended the UI confidentiality regulation at 20 Code of Federal Regulations to explain, within the context of WIOA, the activities that constitute “performance of official duties.” This webinar will cover only the recent amendments to 20 CFR Part 603, providing an overview of the amendments to the UI confidentiality regulation that will make it easier for states to meet their WIOA reporting requirements.

A WorkforceGPS account is required for registration. WorkforceGPS is the next generation, device-friendly website for peer-to-peer connection and resources. Click [here](#) to create a free account. Seating is limited – early registration is encouraged.

Action

Requested: Please share the information with staff and partners as appropriate.