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SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Professional Development Conference

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1. **Purpose.** To provide information about the UI Integrity Professional Development Conference scheduled for April 4-5, 2006, in Chicago, Illinois and to encourage state participation in the conference.

2. **Background.** Preventing, detecting and recovering overpayments are top priorities for UI program administrators. The 2006 UI Integrity Professional Development Conference will offer key state and Federal staff whose responsibilities include Benefit Payment Control and Internal Security activities the opportunity to share ideas, successful practices, and management strategies to minimize improper benefit payments. Topics/issues to be addressed include results from the first wave of states accessing the National Directory of New Hires, techniques to prevent fraudulent claims due to identity theft, making the most of available data matches, ways to improve overpayment collections, and much more. The conference will provide an opportunity to hear from U.S. Department of Labor officials representing the Employment and Training Administration, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Inspector General as well as a series of "hands on" workshop sessions featuring state leaders in benefit payment integrity.

The conference will be held at the Chicago Wyndham Downtown Hotel. Conference attendees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs. A draft agenda and detailed information about hotel reservations and meeting registration are available at the conference website: [www.ides.state.il.us/conference/home.asp](http://www.ides.state.il.us/conference/home.asp). A Training and Employment Notice will be issued in the near future that provides the above information to all state workforce agencies. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage your participation, including participation on workshops as panelists and/or moderators.

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