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**SUBJECT: MAKING THE CONNECTION: NEW STRATEGIES FOR REEMPLOYING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) CLAIMANTS IN THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY CONFERENCE (June 26 – 27, 2007)**

1. **Purpose:**

- To remind grantees of the upcoming regional conference regarding the reemployment of laid-off workers, including those receiving unemployment compensation, those that are dislocated and/or trade-impacted workers;
- To announce the extension of the meeting registration and hotel reservation due dates to June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>, respectively; and
- To provide an updated version of the draft agenda.

2. **Background:** The changing global economy challenges our workforce system to look to innovative approaches in our service delivery strategy to respond to needs of dislocated workers and UI claimants. The current and projected labor/skills shortages provide new opportunities for collaboration and innovation. This event will enable networking among workforce partners who focus on reemploying our customers, learning about new tools and their application, and sharing of creative approaches to achieve our unified reemployment mission.

3. **Target Audience:** The conference and workshops are designed for both leaders and experts interested in providing reemployment services to UI claimants and/or dislocated workers. This is a working session to bring together policy-makers and program experts to explore new ways of effectively re-employing unemployed workers. UI Directors, TAA Directors, Dislocated Worker Program Directors, and WIA/ES Directors and their staff who are responsible for leading reemployment initiatives, state leaders from the workforce development system, and members of state and local Workforce Investment Boards are needed to bring all perspectives to the issue and will benefit from attendance at this important conference.

4. **Logistics:** The conference will be held on June 26 – 27, 2007 at the Century House in Latham, New York. The hotel is five miles from the Albany (NY) Airport. The meeting will begin at 8:30am on June 26<sup>th</sup> and conclude by 3:30pm on June 27<sup>th</sup>. To register for the meeting, please complete and fax the attached form to Ms. Marlene Cowan at 617-788-0125 or via e-mail at [cowan.marlene@dol.gov](mailto:cowan.marlene@dol.gov) by **June 1, 2007**.

To make hotel reservations, please contact the Century House (<http://www.thecenturyhouse.com>) at 888-674-6873. A block of rooms is being held under the name, "US Department of Labor." All hotel rooms are being reserved at the Federal per diem rate of \$103, plus 14% tax. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each attendee and must be made no later than **June 8, 2007**. After this date, special rates and/or availability cannot be guaranteed. In order to guarantee your room, please be sure to provide a major credit card when making your reservation. Room and tax charges, along with all incidental charges, are the responsibility of each individual and must be paid upon departure.

5. **Inquiries:** If you have any questions concerning logistics, please contact Ms. Cowan at 617-788-0158 or [cowan.marlene@dol.gov](mailto:cowan.marlene@dol.gov). If you have questions concerning programmatic content, please contact Ms. Amanda Shaffer at 617-788-0115 or [shaffer.amanda@dol.gov](mailto:shaffer.amanda@dol.gov).

Grace A. Kilbane  
Regional Administrator

Attachment

## DRAFT AGENDA

(dated 5/18/07)

### Making the Connection: New Strategies for Reemploying Unemployment Insurance Claimants in the New Global Economy

Latham, New York

DAY 1	TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007		
8:30 am - 8:45 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>		
8:45 am - 9:45 am	<b>Unemployment in the New U.S. Economy</b> Erica Groshen (invited) Vice President Director of Regional Outreach The Federal Reserve Bank of New York		
9:45 am – 10:45 am	<b>Major Influences: The WIRED Regional Economy and Trade</b> Gay Gilbert Administrator Office of Workforce Investment Employment and Training Administration U.S. Department of Labor		
10:45 am - 11:00 am	<b>BREAK</b>		
11:00 am - 12:30 pm <b>Workshops</b>	<b>The Gateway to Workforce Development: Layoff Aversion through Rapid Response/ Worksharing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ken Messina MA Rapid Resp Coord</li> <li>Andrea Slusarz, CT Rapid Resp Coord</li> </ul>	<b>Connecting Talent to High Growth Jobs – Use of AutoCoder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray Filippone RI Asst Dir of Income Support</li> <li>Kathy Partington RI NetworkRI Coordinator</li> </ul>	<b>Transitioning UI Claimants through Skills Upgrades to Advanced Manufacturing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pam Nabors Capital Workforce Partners</li> <li>Mike Cooper Waterbury METAL project</li> </ul>
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm <b>Workshops</b>	<b>Connecting Businesses and UI Claimants to In-Demand Occupations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pam Frugoli Manpower Analyst Team Lead Office of Workforce Investment Employment &amp; Training Admin U.S. Department of Labor</li> </ul>	<b>Making the Leap: Linking UI Claimants to Entrepreneurial Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Benus Impaq International</li> <li>Judy Pelletier ME Trade program Coordinator</li> <li>NJ SEA Coordinator</li> </ul>	<b>Bridging the gap: Performance Accountability for UI Claimant Reemployment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Kelly NY Performance Ithica Local Area</li> </ul>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm <b>Workshops</b>	<b>Transitioning UI Claimants through Skills Upgrades to Advanced Manufacturing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pam Nabors Capital Workforce Partners</li> <li>Mike Cooper Waterbury METAL project</li> </ul>	<b>Our Response to Reconnecting UI Claimants with the One-Stops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Benus Impaq International</li> <li>Laura Boyett ME UI Director</li> </ul>	<b>What's your State's Investment in Reemploying UI Claimants?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> </ul>

<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007</b>		
<b>8:30 am - 9:15 am</b>	<b>Federal Legislative Initiatives</b> Cheryl Atkinson Administrator Office of Workforce Security Employment and Training Administration U.S. Department of Labor		
<b>9:15 am - 10:00 am</b>	<b>The Changing Characteristics of the UI claimant throughout the Years</b> Sigurd R. Nilsen, Ph.D. Director Education, Workforce, and Income Security U.S. General Accounting Office		
<b>10:00 am - 10:15 am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		
<b>10:15 am - 11:45 am Workshops</b>	<b>State Responses to Reemploying UI Claimants through Eligibility Review Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dale Ziegler Deputy Administrator Office of Workforce Security Employment and Training Administration U.S. Department of Labor</li> <li>Diane Carpenter NH UI Director</li> <li>Doris Lachance NH ES Director</li> </ul>	<b>We're the Supply so what's the Demand -- Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Jeremy Wu Demographic Survey Division, Program Manager, Project Director LEHD, Census Bureau</li> <li>Colleen Flannery Chief - Special Programs and Training, Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<b>Supply &amp; Demand Gap Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Goodman, Ph.D. Director of Economic and Public Policy Research, Donahue Institute, University of Massachusetts/Boston</li> </ul>
<b>11:45 am - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Workshops</b>	<b>The Gateway to Workforce Development: Layoff Aversion through Rapid Response/ Worksharing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ken Messina MA Rapid Resp Coord</li> <li>Andrea Slusarz, CT Rapid Resp Coord</li> </ul>	<b>Connecting Talent to High Growth Jobs – Use of AutoCoder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray Filippone RI Asst Dir of Income Support</li> <li>Kathy Partington RI NetworkRI Coordinator</li> </ul>	<b>What's the Buzz on Worker Profiling and Reemployment Projects?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sigurd R. Nilsen, Ph.D.</li> <li>Cheryl Atkinson</li> <li>Scott Gibbons Economic Statistician Office of Workforce Investment Employment &amp; Training Admin U.S. Department of Labor</li> </ul>
<b>2:30 pm – 3:30pm Closing Plenary</b>	<b>Dealing with the Challenge the Economy has Placed on our Workforce System</b> John Dorrer Director of Labor Market Information Service Maine Department of Labor		
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>		

**U.S. Department of Labor—Region 1  
Employment and Training Administration (ETA)**

***“Making the Connection: New Strategies for  
Reemploying Unemployment Insurance Claimants  
in the New Global Economy”***

***The Century House in Latham, New York  
June 26 – 27, 2007***

**Please type or print your information, as it should appear on each name badge. Each attendee needs to fill out a registration form. For questions regarding registration, please contact Marlene Cowan at 617-788-0158 or [cowan.marlene@dol.gov](mailto:cowan.marlene@dol.gov).**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

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**Registrations must be made no later than June 1, 2007.  
Early registration is appreciated.**

**Please fax or email this completed registration form to Marlene Cowan at  
617/788-0125 or [cowan.marlene@dol.gov](mailto:cowan.marlene@dol.gov).**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION BY JUNE 8, 2007  
ROOMS ARE RESERVED UNDER THE NAME “US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR”**

Century House -- 888/674-6873

*PLEASE NOTE: By faxing/emailing this form, you are registering for the conference itself.  
Room reservations are made separately by each attendee.*