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SUBJECT: 2010 Annual Review of States' Unemployment Insurance (UI) Appeals Quality Self-Evaluations

1. Purpose: The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) is currently completing plans to convene a review panel of 15 state UI appeals staff experts. These experts will conduct the 2010 Annual Review of States' UI Appeals Quality Self Evaluations in Washington, D.C. This directive is to solicit nominations of qualified State Workforce Agency (SWA) appeals staff members who may be available to participate.

2. Background: Participants should have UI appeals experience at the lower authority appeals supervisory level, or as lead staff, and be familiar with ET Handbook No. 382, 2nd Edition. Prior experience serving on the panel is not necessary. However, as in previous years, the ETA would like the panel to be composed of both individuals who have previously served on the panel and individuals from states that have not previously had a participant serve on the panel. This composition will provide continuity for the panel as well as expand the number of states and individuals who will have an opportunity to participate in the process. The ETA is also interested in individuals who are fluent in Spanish to score the cases from Puerto Rico.

3. Logistics: The review will be held in Washington, D.C. and is scheduled for two weeks beginning Monday, March 22, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. and ending Friday, April 2, 2010, no later than 12:00 noon.

Nominees selected for the review panel will be provided meeting, hotel, and travel information. Funds for travel and per diem costs will be provided to the states of the selected nominees.

4. Action Required: The Regional Office strongly encourages you to nominate staff from your state to be considered for the panel. Please provide names of nominees to Mr. John Murphy at murphy.john@dol.gov or (617)788-0392 **no later than January 8, 2010**.

5. Inquiries: If you have questions or need additional information, please direct inquiries to John Murphy using the contact information above.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Administrator