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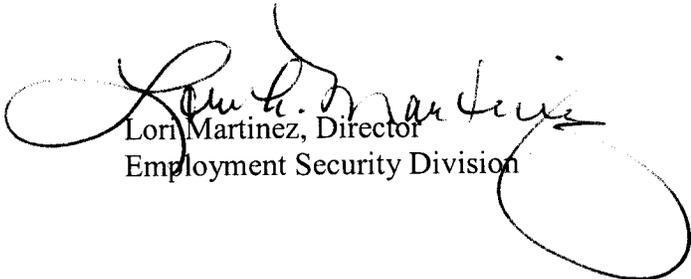
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Attn: Donna Dye

Dear Ms. Dye:

Attached is a hard copy of the New Mexico Department of Labor's Reemployment Services Allotment Report for the period ending June 30, 2006; an electronic report was submitted to Mr. Ray Gonzales at the regional office.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Connie Leyva, Bureau Chief, at (505) 841-8446.

Sincerely,


Lori Martinez, Director
Employment Security Division

REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE: New Mexico

DATE: September 28, 2006

STATE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REPORT

Describe activities and an overview of how the activities were accomplished. Include milestones, and positive outcomes achieved. Compare accomplishment of planned performance goals with the attainment of the performance indicators identified by the State in the annual plan.

New Mexico's Reemployment Services program provided early intervention services to claimants by offering assessment services, case management, and a variety of workshops that claimants selected from. Workshops were posted and available at various times weekly for claimants who needed staff assistance and structured activities. At the conclusion of each workshop, evaluations were provided to each claimant. The responses attained were very positive, with a number of claimants stating that the information received would definitely aid them in securing employment. One claimant who attended an interviewing skills workshop stated on his evaluation, "I enjoyed the entire workshop, it gave me tools to build up my confidence levels. Everyone should take this workshop to gain the proper skills."

Claimants who preferred self-help activities and were familiar with computers and the Internet were able to conduct their own job search and benefited from labor market information available through this resource.

New Mexico operated an Unemployment Insurance Call Center, which referred claimants to the enhanced services offered through the Reemployment Services program. The Reemployment Allotment Services program operated in six Workforce Development One-Stop Centers: Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Farmington, Roswell, Las Cruces and Silver City. A number of New Mexico claimants are in need of staff assisted services so we are able, through this contact, to promote and provide enhanced services to claimants. Claimants who are job ready and meet the job qualifications are immediately referred to employers who have job openings. Those who are not job ready are referred to other support services and WIA for training opportunities.

New Mexico Department of Labor has also added an excellent career search tool entitled, "Career Prospects System." This system provides information on occupations by interest, education required, salary rates, top jobs, colleges and finding jobs in the current market. This information can be accessed through our website www.dol.state.nm.us under the Labor Market Information tab.

OUTCOMES

	Planned	Actual
1. Placement Rate Increase	10%	23.6%

Justification:

New Mexico's Reemployment Services program has exceeded its planned placement rate by 13.6%. New Mexico's rate of over-the-year growth was 2.8% for June 2006, adding 22,600 jobs, ranking 9th highest for job growth among the states. In Albuquerque, gains were posted in ten of the 12 major industry divisions, evidence of the overall health of the economy. The greatest strength was found in construction, where 2,500 jobs were added. Las Cruces added 2,600 jobs for a 4.1 % over-the-year growth rate. In Farmington, 1,500 jobs were added for a 3.0 % growth rate. This rate of job growth is the highest this area has seen in seven months. Over-the-year job growth for Santa Fe was 0.5% adding 300 jobs. This is the lowest rate of job growth this area has seen in almost four years.

	Planned	Actual
2. U.I. Benefit Exhaustion Rate	25%	35.7%

Justification:

Many New Mexico participants filed for unemployment benefits due to workforce reduction situations. These situations developed because certain industries, such as manufacturing, are experiencing declining opportunities in New Mexico. Therefore, claimants have had difficulty finding comparable jobs in the same industry. Additionally, New Mexico has an aging workforce that is having difficulty finding employment especially in rural areas. These situations have lengthened the amount of time that claimants receive Unemployment Insurance benefits.

	Planned	Actual
3. Claimants Participating in RES	50% Increase	41%

Justification:

In PY 04 there were 3,394 claimants who participated in RES activities. In PY 05, 3,649 claimants were served in workshop activities. New Mexico's goal was a 50% increase and we did not attain that goal. New Mexico's economy has been extremely strong. For example, the seasonally adjusted New Mexico unemployment rate for June of 2006 was 4.1%, and the national average was 4.1%. We've experienced a lower unemployment rate than the national average for many months. Many claimants did not feel the need to participate. In addition, RES is not a mandatory activity, which has negatively impacted the number of claimants participating.

	Planned	Actual
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4. Number of Weeks Claimed

17

18.1

Justification:

This 1.1 increase is due to poor economic conditions primarily in rural areas where claimants are having difficulty finding comparable jobs or they are enrolled in training opportunities that allow them to continue receiving benefits while in school.