

“off” in the EB program, but are triggered “on” in Tier 4 of the EUC08 program, may be eligible for augmentation from a maximum potential duration of 6 weeks to a maximum potential duration of 16 weeks for a limited period of time. Details on this potential benefit augmentation can be found at [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=5271](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=5271) starting at the bottom of Page 4. States that were affected by this provision were Arizona, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In addition, Georgia and Indiana were eligible to provide for up to 16 weeks of Tier 4 benefits for new Tier 4 claimants starting April 22.

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 30, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for Virginia fell below the threshold to remain “on” in Tier 3 of the EUC08 program. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement in this state in the EUC08 program decreased from 47 weeks to 34 weeks. The week ending April 21, 2012 was the last week in which EUC08 claimants in this state could exhaust Tier 2, and establish Tier 3 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants in this state can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 3 after April 21, 2012.

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 30, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rates for Tennessee and Washington fell below the threshold to remain “on” in Tier 4 of the EUC08 program. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement in these states for the EUC08 program decreased from 53 weeks to 47 weeks. The week ending April 21, 2012 was the last week in which EUC08 claimants in these states could exhaust Tier 3, and establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants in these states can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after April 21, 2012.

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC08 program, and the terms and conditions under which they are payable, are governed by Public Laws 110-252, 110-449, 111-5, 111-92, 111-118, 111-144, 111-157, 111-205, 111-312, 112-96, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the Department. The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment

Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the Department.

In the case of a state concluding an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of any change in potential entitlement to each individual who had established eligibility for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)). Persons who believe they may be entitled to benefits under the EB or EUC08 program, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC, this 5th day of June, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Announcement Regarding States Triggering “Off” in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 Program and the Federal-State Extended Benefits Program

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement regarding states triggering “off” in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) Program and the Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) Program.

The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) produces trigger notices indicating which states qualify for both EB and EUC08 benefits, and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notices covering state eligibility for these programs can be found at: [http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding states’ EB and EUC08 trigger status:

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on April 20, 2012, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas no longer meet one of the criteria to remain “on” in EB, i.e., having their current three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate be at least 110% of one of the rates from a comparable period in one of the three prior years. This triggers these states “off” EB and the end of the payable period in the EB program for these states will be the week ending May 12, 2012.

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on April 20, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for Indiana fell below the threshold to remain “on” in Tier 4 of the EUC08 program. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement in this state in the EUC08 program will decrease from 53 weeks to 47 weeks. The week ending May 12, 2012 will be the last week in which EUC claimants in this state can exhaust Tier 3, and establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants in this state can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after May 12, 2012.

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on April 20, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for Oklahoma fell below the threshold to remain “on” in Tier 3 of the EUC08 program. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement in this state in the EUC08 program will decrease from 47 weeks to 34 weeks. The week ending May 12, 2012 will be the last week in which EUC claimants in this state can exhaust Tier 2, and establish Tier 3 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants in this state can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 3 after May 12, 2012.

- With data released for the 13 week period ending April 21, 2012, Alaska’s 13-week Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) has fallen below the 6% threshold to remain “on” in EB and Tier 4 of EUC. This triggers Alaska “off” EB and the end of the payable period for this state in the EB program will be the week ending May 12, 2012. This same data also causes Alaska to fall below the threshold to remain “on” in Tier 4 of the EUC08 program. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement in this state in the EUC08 program will decrease from 53 weeks to 47 weeks. The week ending May 12, 2012 will be the last week in which EUC claimants in this state can exhaust Tier 3, and

establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants in this state can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after May 12, 2012.

- Claimants in states that are triggered “on” to Tier 4 of the EUC08 program, but not triggered “on” to EB, may be eligible for augmentation of their Tier 4 entitlement from a maximum potential duration of 6 weeks to a maximum potential duration of 16 weeks. Details on this can be found at the bottom of the page for this link: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=5271](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=5271). States currently affected by this provision are Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Oregon, Puerto Rico, and South Carolina. States that will be eligible to provide for up to 16 weeks of Tier 4 benefits for new Tier 4 claimants starting May 13 are California, Florida, Illinois, and North Carolina.

#### Information for Claimants

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Signed in Washington, DC, this 5th day of June, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket Number OSHA–2012–0020]

#### Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), DOL.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations to serve on the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health requests nominations for membership on the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC).

**DATES:** Nominations for WPAC must be submitted (postmarked, sent, transmitted, or received) by July 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations for WPAC, identified by the OSHA Docket No., OSHA–2012–0020, by any of the following methods:

*Electronically:* Nominations, including attachments, may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions.

*Facsimile:* If your nomination and supporting materials, including attachments, do not exceed 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

*Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger or courier service:* Submit your nominations and supporting materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2012–0020, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2350 (OSHA’s TTY number is (877) 889–5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m., e.t.

*Instructions:* All nominations and supporting materials for WPAC must include the Agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** notice

(Docket No. OSHA–2012–0020).

Because of security-related procedures, submitting nominations by regular mail may result in a significant delay in their receipt. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures for submitting nominations by hand delivery, express delivery, and messenger or courier service. For additional information on submitting nominations see the “Public Participation—Submission of Nominations and Access to Docket” heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

Submissions in response to this **Federal Register** notice, including personal information provided, are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth.

*Docket:* To read or download submissions or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through that Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Dillon, Director, Office of the Whistleblower Protection Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3610, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC., 20210; telephone (202) 693–2199, this is not a toll-free number; email address [Dillon.Sandra@dol.gov](mailto:Dillon.Sandra@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (Assistant Secretary) invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC).

WPAC’s duties are solely advisory and consultative. WPAC advises, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) and the Assistant Secretary on matters relating to the improvement of the fairness, efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of OSHA’s whistleblower protection activities. In particular, WPAC will make recommendations regarding the development and/or implementation of: