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Signed in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of February 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of the Payable Periods in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) Program for Alaska

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in status of the payable periods in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) program for Alaska.

Public law 112–78 extended provisions in Public Law 111–92 which amended prior laws to create a Third and Fourth Tier of benefits within the EUC08 program for qualified unemployed workers claiming benefits in high unemployment states. The Department of Labor produces a trigger notice indicating which states qualify for EUC08 benefits within Tiers Three and Four and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EUC08 program can be found at: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EUC08 status:

- Alaska's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending January 7, 2012, rose to meet the 6% threshold to trigger "on" to Tier 4 of the EUC08 program. The payable period for Alaska in Tier Four of EUC08 began January 22, 2012. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement for claimants in Alaska in the EUC08 program will increase from 47 weeks to 53 weeks.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC 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, and 112–78, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. Persons who believe they may be entitled to additional benefits under the 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.

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Employment and Training Administration

Notice Requesting Public Comment on Two Proposed Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program Performance Measures To Meet Requirements in the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department) is seeking public comment on two proposed UI Performs Core Measures for UI Integrity: (1) UI Improper Payments; and (2) UI Overpayment Recovery.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the address specified below. All comments will be made available to the public. **Warning:** Do not include any personally identifiable information (such as name, address, or other contact information) or confidential business information that you do not want publically disclosed. All comments may be posted on the Internet and can be retrieved by most Internet search engines. Comments may be submitted anonymously.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>, identified by Docket ID Number ETA–2012–0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:* Please submit all written comments (including disk and CD–ROM submissions) to Mr. Andrew Spisak, U.S. Department of Labor, ETA/Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S–4524, Washington, DC 20210. Be advised that mail delivery in the Washington, DC area may be delayed due to security concerns. Hand-delivered comments will be received at the above address. All overnight mail will be considered to be hand-delivered and must be received at the designated place by the date specified above.

Please submit your comments by only one method. The Department will not review comments received by means other than those listed above or that are received after the comment period has closed. The Department will post all comments received on <http://www.regulations.gov> without making any change to the comments, including any personal information provided. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is a Federal portal, and all comments posted there are available and accessible to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

IPERA [Pub. L. 111–204 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note)] amended the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (IPIA) [Pub. L. 107–300 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note)] and established several criteria that Federal agencies must meet in order to be in compliance with the law. According to section 3(a)(3) of IPERA:

The term 'compliance' means that the agency (F) has reported an improper payment rate of less than 10 percent for each program and activity for which an estimate was published under section 2(b) of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note).

For the 2010 IPIA reporting period, the Department reported an improper payment rate of 11.2 percent (10.6 percent overpayment rate and 0.6 percent underpayment rate) in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Agency Financial Report (AFR), p. 179, (http://www.dol.gov/_sec/media/reports/annual2010/2010annualreport.pdf). For the 2011 IPIA reporting period, the Department reported an improper payment rate of 12.0 percent (11.35 percent overpayment rate and 0.65 percent underpayment rate) in its FY 2011 AFR, p. 204 (http://www.dol.gov/_sec/media/