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ADVISORY: **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 20-12, Change 1**

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) - Extension of Application Deadline for the Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) Program Grants

1. **Purpose.** To advise states that the deadline to apply for SEA grant money under the provisions of the Act has been extended.

2. **References.**

- Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 20-12, *The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-96) – Provisions on Self-Employment Assistance Programs.*

3. **Summary of Changes.** Section 2182 of the Act (Pub. L. 112-96) authorizes the Secretary of Labor to award grants to states for the development, implementation, administration, and promotion of new state SEA programs and improved administration and promotion of existing state SEA programs.

UIPL No. 20-12 provides that timely applications must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed on or before June 30, 2013. However, we have extended the application deadline to August 14, 2013, to provide more time for states to submit applications. We will accept applications, postmarked, faxed, or emailed on or before August 14, 2013, and encourage states to take advantage of this extended opportunity to apply for an SEA grant.

Grants may be awarded to states for:

- improved administration of existing SEA programs that were established before the date of enactment of the Act;
- development, implementation, and administration of new SEA programs established after the date of enactment of the Act; and

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- development, implementation, and administration of SEA programs for individuals who are eligible to receive Extended Benefits or Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

A state that has been approved to receive a grant for the activities listed above may also apply for funds to promote its SEA program and to enroll unemployed individuals in the SEA program. We strongly encourage states to apply for these additional funds at the same time they apply for implementation and administration grants.

4. **Action Requested.** We request State Administrators to provide the information in this UIPL to appropriate staff. Please refer to UIPL No. 20-12 for grant submittal instructions and available funding.
5. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.