



Strengthening UI for the 21st Century

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Solutions

- Provide certainty about employer tax burden and policy that encourages expansion of employment.
- Measure state UI Solvency in relation to each state's history. Current National measures are not achievable in many states.
- Manage the phase out of the ARRA UI related provisions with increased assessment, job search and referral services. One size does not fit all.
- Encourage initiative by individual claimants
- Effective public/private partnerships
- Increase funding for OJTs, Customized Training, and programs like Georgia works.



Solutions

- Provide increased administrative funding for assessment, job search and re-employment services
- Provide increased administrative funding for automated systems to avoid overpayments (SIDES).
- Require employers to report the first day worked to the New Hire data base, and use this information and information from other cross matches to increase overpayment identification and collection. Publicize integrity efforts.



Solutions

- Mandate stronger availability and work search requirements as a condition of weekly eligibility, including verification with employers.
- Increase administrative funding for REA and ERP programs.
- Extend Title XII interest relief through 2012 and provide relief from FUTA offset credit penalties for 2010 and 2011.
- Replace the current EB program with a General Revenue funded program for exhaustees of the regular state UI program when the national unemployment rate is above a certain level.



Solutions

- Use FUTA funds only for UI, ES, LMI and Vets Services Admin (ESAA) to preserve the employer funded employment security system. Set FUTA tax wage base and rates only as necessary to meet these funding needs.
- Reform UI/ES administrative financing to assure all functions, including integrity, job search, reemployment and systems are properly funded.
- Restore the UI Automation funding stream.
- Connect to other workforce programs (TAA, WIA, TANF, Food Stamps) to promote case management for unemployed workers.



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