

# INFORMATION NOTICE

## WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: RESTARTING OF REA GRANT PROGRAM

The Employment Development Department (EDD) resumed Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) interviews the week of January 19, 2015, at [62 America's Job Centers of California \(AJCCs\) locations](#). The program is funded by a grant from the Department of Labor (DOL).

The EDD last administered the REA grant program in 2011. In 2012 and 2013, Congress mandated that all states administer an REA program serving unemployment insurance (UI) claimants receiving extended unemployment compensation. Changes to the REA grant program and the implementation of New CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>, and the California Unemployment Benefits Services (CUBS) system required information technology (IT) upgrades which delayed the restarting of the REA grant program.

Notification to affected UI claimants began in early January 2015. Claimants will be pre-scheduled for an appointment at their assigned REA site, undergo an UI eligibility assessment reviewing their work search efforts, and receive an orientation of AJCC services and labor market information. The EDD staff will develop a reemployment plan for each claimant and schedule them to attend a mandatory reemployment service within a month of the REA interview. Failure to attend the REA interview or the mandatory reemployment service may affect the claimant's eligibility to receive UI benefits.

The REA grant program recognizes UI claimants as job seekers and facilitates their becoming AJCC clients. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market.

The DOL requires that AJCC partners enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen the collaborative efforts in serving REA clients. The MOU ensures that UI claimants have access to the full array of services at AJCCs. The State of California is requiring Workforce Services offices and the AJCC partners to enter into a MOU for this purpose. [Attachment II](#) is an example of a MOU that may be used or adapted for this purpose.

*The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*

Please contact the Workforce Services Field Division Coordinators listed in [Attachment I](#) if you have any questions.

/S/ JOSÉ LUIS MÁRQUEZ, Chief  
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Attachments are available on the Internet:

1. [2014 REA grant sites](#)
2. [Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment Program – Memorandum of Understanding](#)