DATE: January 25, 2019

TO: LA’s Workforce Development System

FROM: Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Director
Workforce Development Division

SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN NO. 19-11
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This bulletin is effective upon date of issuance.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this bulletin is to advise the WorkSource Centers (WSC) about the Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits available to federal government employees impacted by the shutdown.

BACKGROUND:
A federal budget appropriation was not reached by the United State Congress and President Donald J. Trump by December 22, 2018, resulting in the recent partial federal government shutdown. Federal government employees in California impacted by the shutdown who are out of work or are working without pay may be eligible for UI benefits. Federal employees who are required to work without pay during the shutdown are encouraged to apply for UI benefits, as California considers them “unemployed.” This designation will apply until an appropriation is authorized, which may allow federal employees to receive back pay.

Federal employees may apply for UI benefits with California’s Employment Development Department (EDD) by using the following methods:

By Phone 1-855-327-7056 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 noon)
By Fax 1-866-215-9159
By Mail EDD
P.O. Box 12906
Oakland, Ca 94604-2909

Federal employees selecting to fax or mail their applications should complete the Unemployment Insurance Application (Federal Employee), DE 1101BD, that is available on the EDD website.
RECOMMENDED ACTION
Please share the attached information notice with your workforce clientele and encourage affected federal government employees to file a UI claim by phone, mail or fax. Also, WSC staff can direct government employees to the EDD’s Federal Shutdown - FAQ webpage for additional assistance. The FAQ webpage includes answers to questions regarding topics such as UI benefit eligibility for federal employees affected by the shutdown, repayment of UI benefits, and how to complete the continued claim form.

WDS CONTACT
If you have any questions or require further information related to this bulletin, please contact Donny Brooks at Donny.Brooks@lacity.org or at (213) 744-9093, TTY (213) 744-9395.

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