

Form 225b is submitted annually for renewals of chain registrants.

	Number of annual respondents	Average time per response	Total annual hours
DEA-225 (paper) .....	465	0.5 hours (30 minutes) .....	232.5
DEA-225 (electronic) .....	1,562	0.17 hours (10 minutes) .....	260.33
DEA-225a (paper) .....	1,345	0.5 hours (30 minutes) .....	672.5
DEA-225a (electronic) .....	9,721	0.17 hours (10 minutes) .....	1,620.17
DEA-225b (chain renewal)* .....	4	1 hour .....	4
Total .....	13,097	.....	2,789.5

\* In total, 4 chains represent 85 individual registrant locations.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* It is estimated that there are 2,789.5 annual burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Suite 2E-508, Washington, DC 20530.

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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 Texas

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Texas will trigger “on” to Tier Four of Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) for weeks of unemployment beginning December 11, 2011.

Public law 111-312 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](http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).

Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on November 22, 2011, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for Texas rose to meet the 8.5% threshold to trigger “on” in Tier Four of the EUC08 program. The payable period for Texas in Tier Four of EUC will begin December 11, 2011. As a result, the current maximum potential entitlement will increase from 47 weeks to 53 weeks in the EUC08 program.

#### 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 and 111-312, 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](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC, this 6th day of December, 2011.

**Jane Oates,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

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#### Notice of Funding Opportunity and Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) for Workforce Innovation Fund Grants

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA).

**SUMMARY:** Through this notice, the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$98.5 million in Workforce Innovation Fund grants authorized by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-10) to support innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system, both in terms of outcomes for job seeker and employer customers and cost-effectiveness. ETA expects to fund approximately 20 to 30 grants; individual grant amounts will range from \$1 million to \$12 million. The eligible applicants are (i) State Workforce Agencies; (ii) Local Workforce Investment Boards; (iii) entities eligible to apply for WIA Section 166 grants; (iv) consortia of State Workforce Agencies; (v) consortia of Local Workforce Investment Boards; and (vi) consortia of entities eligible to apply for WIA Section 166 grants. Grants made under the Workforce Innovation Fund will provide funds to (a) retool service delivery strategies and/or policy and administrative systems and processes to improve outcomes for workforce system customers and (b)