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.

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) 603–3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

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

Jane Oates,
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evaluate the effectiveness of such activities.

The complete SGA and any subsequent SGA amendments, in connection with this solicitation is described in further detail on ETA’s Web site at http://www.doleta.gov or on http://www.grants.gov. The Web sites provide application information, eligibility requirements, review and selection procedures and other program requirements governing this solicitation.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is March 22, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arian Ferro, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N4716, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–3968.

The Grant Officer for this SGA is Donna Kelly. Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of December, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
[Docket No. OSHA–2011–0180]

Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Energy (August 28, 1992); Oak Ridge, Tennessee Facilities

AGENCY: The Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

ACTION: Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Labor and the Department of Energy: the transfer of two existing building complexes and three other parcels of land located at the East Tennessee Technology Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; transfer of employee safety and health authority from the Department of Energy (DOE) to the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA).

SUMMARY: This document is a notice of an addendum to the 1992 interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Energy. That MOU states that DOE has exclusive authority over the occupational safety and health of contractor employees at DOE Government-Owned and Contractor-Operated facilities (GOCOs). In addition, the MOU between the departments dated July 25, 2000, on safety and health enforcement at privatized facilities and operations, provides that OSHA has regulatory authority over occupational safety and health at certain privatized facilities and operations on land formerly under the control of DOE. This action is in accordance with the July 25, 2000 MOU, which establishes specific interagency procedures for the transfer of occupational safety and health coverage for such privatized facilities and operations from DOE to OSHA and state agencies acting under state plans approved by OSHA pursuant to section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act), 29 U.S.C. 667. The MOUs may be found on the internet via the OSHA Web page http://www.osha.gov under the “D” for Department of Energy Transition Activities.

DATES: Effective Date: The effective date of the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding is December 23, 2011.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor entered into a MOU on August 10, 1992, delineating regulatory authority over the occupational safety and health of contractor employees at DOE government-owned or leased, contractor-operated (GOCO) facilities. In general, the MOU recognizes that DOE exercises statutory authority under section 161(f) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, [42 U.S.C. 2201(f)], relating to the occupational safety and health of private-sector employees at these facilities.

Section 4(b)(1) of the OSH Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 653(b)(1), exempts from OSHA authority working conditions with respect to which other federal agencies have exercised statutory authority to prescribe or enforce standards or regulations affecting occupational safety or health. The 1992 MOU acknowledges DOE’s extensive program for the regulation of contractor health and safety, which requires contractor compliance with all OSHA standards as well as additional requirements prescribed by DOE, and concludes with an agreement by the agencies that the provisions of the OSH Act will not apply to GOCO sites for which DOE has exercised its authority to regulate occupational safety and health under the Atomic Energy Act.

In light of DOE’s policy emphasis on privatization activities, OSHA and DOE entered into a second MOU on July 25, 2000 that establishes interagency procedures to address regulatory authority for occupational safety and health at specified privatized facilities and operations on sites formerly controlled by DOE. The 2000 MOU covers facilities and operations on lands no longer controlled by DOE, which are not conducting activities for or on behalf of DOE and where there is no likelihood that any employee exposure to radiation from DOE sources would be 25 millirems per year (mrem/yr) or more.

In a letter dated January 5, 2011, DOE requested that OSHA or, as appropriate, TOSHA accept occupational safety and health regulatory authority over employees at the East Tennessee Technology Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at two existing building complexes and three other parcels of land pursuant to the MOU on Safety and Health Enforcement at Privatized Facilities and Operations dated July 25, 2000. (Other facilities and properties at the East Tennessee Technology Park were transferred to TOSHA jurisdiction under this MOU by Federal Register notices at 74 FR 120 (January 2, 2009) and 74 FR 39977 (August 10, 2009). The buildings and parcels of land transferred to the city of Oak Ridge, the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET), and the Heritage Center, LLC, are described as follows:

• The K–1000 complex consists of two separate buildings: the upper building, which was formerly a visitor center, and the lower building, which was formerly an access center. Building K–1501–H&L is a two-story building located inside of the property protection fence. It is currently used for maintenance and support by CROET, the site’s utility operator. Building K–1008–F is also inside of the property protection fence and consists of offices, meeting rooms, and rest rooms.

• The K–792 switchyard complex (transferred to the Heritage Center, LLC, a subsidiary of CROET) includes the following land parcels and buildings: 19.91 acres of land; K–791–B, which is used for storage and office space; Building K–796–A, which is used as a conference room; and, the K–792 northern expansion area, which is 5 acres of undeveloped land, and a railroad spur. The area also contains a privately owned building (K–1310–MP), and two privately owned trailers (K–1310–MQ and K–1310–MS).