

Please Join NELP for the 2009 National Conference

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Progress, Prospects, Priorities

Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Washington DC  
December 7 and 8, 2009

## Conference Agenda (Tentative Program Information)

### Monday, December 7, 2009

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- 9:00am – 6:00pm Registration Open
- 1:00pm – 1:25pm **Welcome**  
Christine Owens, *Executive Director, National Employment Law Project*
- 1:25pm – 2:15pm **Plenary: Looking Back on the Year of Historic Challenges and Opportunities**  
Laura Frontman, *Maine Commissioner of Labor*  
David Socolow, *Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development*, and others
- 2:30pm – 4:30pm **Workshop Session I**
- Moving UI Modernization in the Toughest States
  - Taking on the State UI Solvency Challenge
- 4:45pm – 5:45pm **Workshop Session II**
- The Basics of Responsible State UI Financing
  - The Recession Agenda for Model State Legislation
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Dinner Speaker**  
Jared Bernstein, *Executive Director, Vice President's Middle Class Task Force*

### Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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- 8:00am – 8:30am Breakfast
- 8:45am – 9:30am **Keynote Address**  
Jane Oates, *Assistant Secretary, Employment & Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor*
- 9:30am – 10:50am **Plenary: The Federal Unemployment Insurance Reform Agenda**  
Congressional Staff
- 11:00am – 12:15pm **Workshop Session III**
- Improving State Access to UI Benefits for All Workers
  - Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century UI Infrastructure & Service Delivery System
  - Model Programs for Communities Hardest Hit by Dislocations
- 12:30pm – 1:15pm Lunch

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#### **Workshop Session IV**

- Honoring the Promise of Timely Payment of UI Benefits
- Advancing the Research Agenda to Support UI Reform
- Challenging Employer Abuses that Cheat Workers and the Trust Funds

3:00pm – 4:15pm

#### **Plenary: Looking Ahead: Picturing the Road to Reemployment and Job Creation**

Thea Lee, *Deputy Chief of Staff, AFL-CIO* President Richard Trumka  
Louis S. Jacobson, *Senior Economist, CAN*, and others

4:15pm – 4:30pm

#### **Closing**