

**2015 BEST PRACTICES AWARD**  
**Email to UI Directors, Agency Administrators**

To: All Agency Administrators and UI Directors

Subject: Best Practices Award – American Institute for Full Employment – 2015 Nominations

Does your state have an innovative practice that improves your UI claimants' reemployment? If so, we are soliciting nominations for our 2015 Full Employment Award for any of five key areas of impact related to employment.

Our award is designed to recognize "Best Practices" within states and publicize the results of our evaluation to educate and inspire state and national policy makers to replicate your work. We typically will gain local press coverage and often the award is publicized nationally and by NASWA.

In the past few years, we have witnessed a continuing growth in commitment to connect claimants with employment. This has yielded numerous new ideas that should be shared nationwide. Such efforts not only have significant benefits for claimants and employers, but also for UI trust funds as they reduce claimant duration and exhaustion rates.

In recent years, for their exemplary dedication to reemployment of UI claimants, we have recognized the Arkansas Department of Workforce Service, Georgia Department of Labor, Louisiana Workforce Commission, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Texas Workforce Commission and Utah Department of Workforce Services (two-time winner).

We welcome hearing about your initiatives and have attached the nomination requirements. **Nominations are due no later than 5 p.m. (PST), Friday, September 4, 2015.**

If you would like to first briefly discuss your nomination idea or have any questions about the process, please contact Don Peitersen at 303-681-1351, or [donp@fullemployment.org](mailto:donp@fullemployment.org).

Sincerely,

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