



“The Voice of Business on Unemployment & Workers’ Compensation”

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BUSINESS GROUP ESTABLISHES PROGRAM TO STAY ON TOP OF UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUES

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 1, 2008 – The national organization providing research and representing business in the development of unemployment insurance policy announced today that it is expanding its operations. UWC – Strategic Services on Unemployment and Workers’ Compensation (UWC) is launching the new State Unemployment Compensation Advisory Program (SUCAP) to more effectively track unemployment insurance issues that arise in the states and to provide policy development at the state as well as the federal level.

“UWC has served as the voice of business in Unemployment Insurance policy development at the federal level for decades. Employers are the principle funders of the unemployment insurance system and have an interest in assuring that the federal/state system is solvent and effective in facilitating reemployment of unemployed workers,” said Douglas J. Holmes, President of UWC.

UWC’s Foundation for Unemployment Compensation and Workers’ Compensation annually publishes the *Highlights of State Unemployment Compensation Laws* providing detailed comparisons of the primary provisions of state unemployment laws.

“The new state advisory program will provide a national organization of experts on which employer representatives and elected decision makers may rely in guiding the UI system through the 21st century,” said Chuck Howarth, Chairman of the National Foundation for Unemployment Compensation & Workers’ Compensation.

The Unemployment Insurance system has been the subject of a number of federal legislative proposals in the 110th Congress to extend unemployment insurance benefits, expand eligibility for benefits under state laws and provide special one-time incentive distributions of funds to states electing to expand benefit eligibility. We believe that the proper development of policy requires a careful analysis of the impact of increases and decreases in benefits to be paid, reemployment services to be provided, integrity efforts, administrative funding, and employer tax burden, and that the analysis should be provided as part of the development of the legislation before it is enacted,” said Matt Harvill, Chairman of UWC.

SUCAP operations begin March 1st. Membership in UWC and participation in the program is available through the UWC offices in Washington, DC.

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