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Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry Julia Hearthway Receives National Unemployment Insurance Integrity Award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 13, 2013 – The primary national research and consulting organization focused on unemployment insurance announced its annual awards for contributions to the business community in the area of Unemployment Insurance at the National Unemployment Insurance Issues conference held in Arlington, Virginia.

The UI Integrity Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to preserving the integrity of the unemployment system.

“Secretary Hearthway’s leadership in engaging all stakeholders to develop solutions to address the long term solvency of the state UI trust fund and the integrity of the system is a model for other states across the country,” said Matt Harvill, Chairman of the UWC Board and Vice President of Kelly Services. “We are pleased to recognize Secretary Hearthway and present her with the 2013 UI Integrity Award. “

Established in 1933, UWC – Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers’ Compensation (UWC) is the national organization that serves as the voice of business on unemployment and workers’ compensation issues for employers across the country.

On June 22, 2011, Julia Hearthway was confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate to serve as the 33rd Secretary of the Department of Labor & Industry for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and was immediately presented with an imminent crisis: the insolvency of Pennsylvania’s Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and a staggering debt to the federal government. It was clear that the state’s UC program was unsustainable and required significant structural reforms to achieve solvency and long-term viability.

One year later, on June 12, 2012, Gov. Tom Corbett signed into law Act 60 of 2012. This historic law provided comprehensive UC reform that addressed the federal debt, helped mitigate its impact on employers and started the process of restoring integrity to Pennsylvania’s UC program.

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