

Interstate Benefits (IB), Combined Wage Claim (CWC), and Liable/Agent Data Transfer (LADT) Application and Interfaces Project Description

Available Funds: Up to \$50,000 is available to states to fully interface the IB, CWC, and LADT applications via the Interstate Connection (ICON) network.

Purpose: All states voluntarily participate in the IB Payment Plan to provide IB to claimants and states are required to participate in any arrangement specified by the Secretary of Labor for payment of UI on a CWC on the basis of combining an individual's employment and wages in two or more states. IB and CWC applications have been developed via ICON to speed payments to eligible claimants by streamlining cumbersome manual processes.

Also, the Interstate Statistical Data Exchange (commonly called Liable/Agent Data Transfer (LADT)) supports the exchange of interstate initial claims and weeks claimed information by the liable state to the agent/residence state. The LADT data is used for program and statistical data purposes and is part of ETA's required reporting. The monthly exchange of commuter data supports the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. Interstate initial claim and weeks claimed information identifies interstate claimants to the agent/residence state for purposes of providing re-employment assistance. Interstate agent weeks claimed information is necessary to the agent/residence state's calculation of its insured unemployment rate that is the trigger mechanism for the state's extended benefits program. Interstate agent initial claims and weeks claimed are major economic indicators describing emerging and continuing unemployment conditions in the agent/residence state. Interstate agent weeks claimed are included in the calculation of the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), which is the basis of distribution of funds for several Federal, state, and local programs.

States are strongly encouraged to take full advantage of the efficiencies that result from fully interfacing the IB, CWC and LADT ICON applications with their benefits systems. These efficiencies not only impact the state itself but also impact all other states since one state's lack of fully interfaced applications causes other states to have to maintain manual system even when their own systems are fully interfaced.

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SBR Outline for Interstate Benefits (IB), Combined Wage Claim (CWC), and Liable Agent Data Transfer (LADT) Applications and Interfaces Project

This outline must be used by the state to request funds to fully interface with the LADT.

Project Title: The project title should be the Project to Fully Interface with the Liable Agent Data Transfer.

Project Contact: Please provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of person who can provide additional information about this specific project.

Total Funds Requested: Provide the total dollar amount requested for this project which cannot exceed \$50,000.

Project Timeline – Provide estimated dates below. If a timeline has been developed for the project it can be substituted for this information.

Begin system development _____

System fully operational _____

Costs: Cost expenditures must match those on the SF 424A. Provide cost estimates for all proposed project expenditures.

Hardware, Software, Telecommunications Equipment - List all items that are to be purchased with this SBR.

Item	Number Requested	Cost Per Item	Total Cost

Staff - The proposal should identify both one-time SWA staff needs (in excess of base staff) and contract staff needs. Staff needs should include the type of position (e.g., program analyst), the expected number of staff hours, and the projected hourly cost. SWAs should include information in the following table for all staff requests.

Position Title	# Hours	Cost Per Hour	Total

Other - Identify other expenditures and include cost estimates.