Debit Cards and / or Direct Deposit for UI Benefit Payments Project Description

Available Funds – Up to $100,000 is available for states to implement an electronic payment system using Debit Cards and / or Direct Deposit to provide benefit payments to claimants.

Background – State Workforce Agencies are continuously seeking ways to provide benefit payments to claimants in a manner that is expedient, secure, and cost effective.

- Recently, a number of states have successfully implemented debit cards and direct deposits for benefit payments.

- Electronic payments are especially advantageous when a disaster occurs and mail service is interrupted and was found to be useful when claimants relocate.

- Funds are available for implementation of a debit card and / or direct deposit system to process benefit payments. These funds may not be used for a feasibility study.

Questions about this project may be directed to Thomas Crowley at Crowley.Thomas@dol.gov.

SBR Outline for Debit Cards and/or Direct Deposit for UI Benefit Payments

States must use this outline to request funds to implement a debit card system and/or a direct deposit system for payment of UI benefits.

Project Title: The project title should be Debit Cards and/or Direct Deposit for UI Benefit Payments.

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 $100,000.

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.

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

Item	Number Requested	Cost Per Item	Total Cost

<u>Staff</u> - 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

<u>Other</u> - Identify other expenditures and include cost estimates.