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**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 11:43 AM  
**To:** WRIS State Contacts and Advisory Group Members  
**Subject:** WRIS "Third Round" Amendment 15 for Signature

Dear Colleagues:

The sixth "third-round" amendment proposal, number 15, to the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS) Data Sharing Agreement (the Agreement) now has been approved to be incorporated as an official amendment, in accordance with the amendment process detailed in Section X of the Agreement. During the final 30-day comment period for amendment proposal number 15, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) received an e-mail from one member state outlining its concerns and requesting discussion with the state's representatives and ETA. Following the requested discussion, the comments were formally withdrawn by the state on August 5, 2010. The amendment to the Agreement is now ready for ratification.

### **Action Required for Ratification**

Authorized officials from each state's State Unemployment Insurance Agency (SUIA) and Performance Accountability and Customer Information Agencies (PACIA) should sign the amendment in the attachment, and return the signed documents to:

WRIS Administration  
Attn.: Ms. Karen Staha, USDOL-ETA  
Command Decisions Systems & Solutions, Inc.  
1900 L Street, Suite 505  
Washington, DC 20036-5049  
(Phone: 202-296-2528)

Please return the signed amendment no later than August 27, 2010. Once ETA has received the signed amendment from all the state members, ETA will sign all the amendments on the same date, which will become the date that the amendment is officially adopted and becomes part of the Agreement. ETA would appreciate your support in moving the ratification process to conclusion by signing the amendment as soon as possible. ETA will notify all signatories by e-mail of the date on which the amendments are officially effective, and will return to each state a fully signed copy of the documents.

Please note that the signatures on this amendment will officially incorporate it into the Agreement your state has already signed. It will not be necessary to re-sign the Agreement, as the original with the signed amendments holds the same force and effect as a signed Agreement that has the amendment language incorporated directly into it.

ETA will post a copy of the Agreement, with the language from the amendment incorporated, on the WRIS web page (<http://www.doleta.gov/performance/WRIS.cfm>) once all signatures have been received should you need to refer to an all-inclusive document in the future.

If you have any questions about the amendments, or the WRIS in general, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (202-693-2917) or e-mail ([Staha.Karen@dol.gov](mailto:Staha.Karen@dol.gov)); or, Greg Wilson ([Wilson.Greg1@dol.gov](mailto:Wilson.Greg1@dol.gov)), Team Leader, Division of System Accomplishments (202-693-2954).

Sincerely,

Karen A. Staha, Director  
Division of System Accomplishments  
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Employment and Training Administration  
US Department of Labor  
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Washington, DC 20210

Attachment

## **Amendment to the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS) Data Sharing Agreement for State Signatures**

### Signature Instructions:

An authorized official from each of the Performance Accountability and Customer Information Agencies (PACIA) and the State Unemployment Insurance Agency (SUIA) of a state that signed the WRIS Data Sharing Agreement with the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) must sign the attached amendment.

For states where only one PACIA is designated, the second PACIA signature line should be left blank.

The same official may execute the amendment on behalf of both the PACIA and the SUIA in the signature area identified for each, if the signatory holds a position in the state agency with authorization to sign on behalf of the designated PACIA and SUIA.

**Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS)  
Data Sharing Agreement Amendment**

**Amendment Number: 15**

**Reference:** Section IV. Definitions, Subsection N

**Original Provision (Section IV. Definitions, Subsection N):**

N. "Wage Data" means individually identifiable information reported quarterly by employers as required by Section 1137(a)(3) of the Social Security Act including, but not limited to, employer names and employee names, SSNs, and associated wages.

**Replacement Provision (Section IV. Definitions, Subsection N):**

*N. "Wage Data" means individually identifiable information reported quarterly by employers as required by Section 1137(a)(3) of the Social Security Act including, but not limited to, employer names and employee names, SSNs, and associated wages. Wage data also includes industry sectors in which employees work, as identified by the North American Industrial Classification System (or "NAICS") codes.*

**SIGNATURES**

State Unemployment Insurance Agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Accountability and Customer Information Agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Accountability and Customer Information Agency

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment and Training Administration

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_