2018 NASWA UI IB Award of Merit for Distinguished National Service Presented to Doug Hopper

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WASHINGTON - Recently, the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) held its 2018 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Interstate Benefits and Federal Training seminar in Savannah, Georgia. Doug Hopper, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, was presented with the 2018 UI Interstate Benefits Award of Merit for Distinguished National Service. Mr. Hopper was recognized for his exceptional efforts in promoting cooperation among states and efficient administration when managing Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims which surpass state boundaries and are therefore more intricate than typical UI claims.

"Mr. Hopper's exceptional dedication to the integrity of the UI system, specifically the extraordinarily intricate UI Interstate Benefit system is deserving of NASWA's Award of Merit for Distinguished National Service," said Scott B. Sanders, Executive Director of NASWA. "His commitment to excellence within a complex subject matter is a fine example to his peers across the nation of what can be achieved when one is dedicated to making a difference in their profession on daily basis."

For more information about NASWA's 2018 Unemployment Insurance Interstate Benefits and Federal Training seminar, visit <u>NASWA.org</u>.

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