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This edition of Workforce Bulletin contains articles including:

Government Funding on Hold in the House as the New Fiscal Year Approaches

On September 11th, the House Committee on Appropriations unveiled a draft Continuing Resolution (CR) H.J. Res. 59 for fiscal year (FY) 2014 that would keep the federal government running until December 15, 2013.

NASWA to Host 77th Annual Conference Next Week in Denver, CO

Next week, NASWA and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment will welcome stakeholders in the public workforce system to the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado for the 77th NASWA Annual Conference. This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the National Governors Association's (NGA) annual workforce meeting of its National Association of State Workforce Board Chairs and the National Association of State Liaisons for Workforce Development Partnerships.

House Committee on Ways and Means Holds Hearing on UI Integrity

On Wednesday, September 11th, the House Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to improve the integrity of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system, with specific consideration of a bill proposed by Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA), the *Permanently Ending Receipt by Prisoners (PERP) Act* (H.R. 2826).

USDOL Offers Funding to Help Offset Sequestration Costs for Fiscal 2014 EUC Benefits

On Monday, September 9th, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) issued Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 27-13 announcing the opportunity for states to submit Supplemental Budget Requests (SBRs) to help offset costs associated with the implementation of sequestration for Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits for fiscal year (FY) 2014, which begins on October 1st. States must reduce their EUC benefit amounts by 7.2 percent.

CBO Projects \$753 Billion 11-Month Budget Deficit – Smaller Shortfall for FY 2013

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said Monday, September 9th, that it projects the U.S. Department of Treasury to report a \$753 billion budget deficit for the first 11 months of fiscal 2013, but the final shortfall for the full year will be less.

NASWA Hosts Webinar on UI Resource Justification Model with USDOL

Last month, on August 20th, NASWA hosted a webinar with states and officials from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) on the Resource Justification Model.

National Labor Exchange Launches New Microsite in Massachusetts: Mass-Creative.Jobs

The National Labor Exchange (NLX) earlier this week launched Mass-Creative.Jobs on behalf of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development's state job bank system, Massachusetts JobQuest. Mass-Creative.Jobs is a site specifically geared to those job seekers seeking positions in the "creative" field, which is based on the U.S. Department of Labor's O*NET codes.

NASWA Members Invited to Attend 2013 DirectEmployers Annual Meeting and Conference

DirectEmployers Association (DirectEmployers) has invited NASWA members to attend the 2013 DirectEmployers Annual Meeting & Conference (DEAM13), scheduled to take place, October 21-24, 2013, in San Diego, California.

USDOL Awards Self-Employment Assistance Grants to NY and MS

On Wednesday, September 11th, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded grants totaling \$2,335,270 to Mississippi and New York to develop and enhance Self-Employment Assistance programs for eligible individuals.

Federal Hiring Declines to Six-Year Low Point

With fiscal pressures continuing to force spending cuts, federal government agencies made fewer than 90,000 new hires last year, the smallest number in six years and a 37 percent drop since 2009, according to federal data.

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