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Individuals Eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance Urged to Apply by Deadline

Unemployed Must File Claims with Job Service No Later Than September 22, 2011

Bismarck, ND – Job Service North Dakota Unemployment Insurance Area Director, Darren Brostrom, urged individuals who became unemployed as a result of the North Dakota flood disaster to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance on or before the September 22 deadline.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available for Presidential-declared disaster FEMA-1981-DR for the following areas: Spirit Lake Nation, and Barnes, Benson, Burleigh, McHenry, Morton, Ramsey, Renville, Richland and Ward Counties.

“Individuals who lived or worked in a declared disaster area during the flood disaster, who became unemployed as a direct result of the disaster, and who do not qualify for traditional unemployment benefits, may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance,” Brostrom said. “Individuals who intend to apply for assistance must do so on or before September 22.” Claims filed after the deadline will be considered untimely and benefits will be denied unless individuals provide good cause for filing after this date.

The first possible week of Disaster Unemployment Assistance compensation is the week beginning February 20, 2011 and ending February 26, 2011. Benefit payments can continue through November 12, 2011 as long as an individual’s unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster. The Disaster Unemployment Assistance weekly benefit amount is based on wages or self-employment income earned during calendar year 2010 and is determined by North Dakota unemployment insurance law.

Individuals can file initial Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefit claims:

- Online at jobsnd.com
- By phone – Call Job Service at 701-328-1152, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- By mail or fax – Forms are located under the Disaster Unemployment link on jobsnd.com. Simply print, complete and return as indicated on the forms.

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Telephone: 701.328.2825

TTY: 1.800.366.6888

Web site: www.jobsnd.com

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to individuals (including self-employed business owners and farmers) who:

- Worked or were self-employed in or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment, but were unable to do so because of the disaster,
- Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster,
- Establish that work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income,
- Do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits from any state,
- Cannot perform work or self-employment due to an injury resulting directly from the disaster,
- Have become the breadwinners or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household due to the disaster
- Cannot reach their place of employment as a direct result of the disaster.

Individuals must provide their Social Security Number, a copy of their 2010 federal income tax forms, business financial statements, pay stubs/vouchers, trip tickets, crop elevator receipts/credits, bank receipts, a statement from their last employer affirming their employment at the time of the disaster, or a copy of a letter of hire to file a claim. In addition, self-employed individuals and farmers need to include a copy of Schedule C, F, SE or K with Form 1040. All required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the date the claim was filed in order to receive benefits.

More information is available on jobsnd.com under the "Unemployment for Individuals" link. Job seekers can also contact their local Job Service office for reemployment assistance. Go to jobsnd.com to find the Job Service office nearest you.

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