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Notification to Persons Receiving Emergency Unemployment Compensation – Possible Termination of Program as of December 29, 2012

PHOENIX – The Department of Economic Security is beginning the process of notifying people who are receiving unemployment benefits under the federally funded Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program that these benefits may end for **ALL** individuals receiving EUC on **December 29, 2012**. This end date will apply to all persons who are receiving benefits under the EUC program as of December 29, 2012 regardless of whether the individual has completed the benefit period available to them. This end date was placed in the last extension of the EUC program by the federal government.

At this time, Congress has not undertaken an extension or change to the end date of December 29, 2012. Discussions are taking place within Congress about possibly extending the EUC program. **IF** Congress does undertake such action, the Department will notify claimants impacted accordingly. **AT THIS TIME, THE DEPARTMENT IS RECOMMENDING TO CLAIMANTS CURRENTLY RECEIVING EUC THAT THEY CONTINUE TO FILE THEIR WEEKLY CLAIM INFORMATION AFTER THE DECEMBER 29, 2012 CUTOFF DATE.** This will ensure that if Congress does extend the program that your claim will continue and benefit receipt will not be delayed. Should Congress not extend the program, the Department will notify people to stop filing.

Persons who are receiving emergency unemployment benefits are encouraged to plan accordingly for the termination of their benefits. The Department estimates that as many as 35,000 Arizonans will be impacted by the termination of the program. People who are currently receiving EUC benefits are encouraged to visit one of the One-Stop Career Centers across the state to aid in their job search efforts and seek training as needed. A list of these centers can be found at:

https://www.azdes.gov/InternetFiles/InternetProgrammaticForms/pdf/2012_Directory_of_One-Stop_Centers_2012.pdf

Due to the possible termination of these benefits and the reduced number of unemployment claims, the Department will reduce staffing at its UI Call Center operations in Phoenix and Tucson. This staff reduction may cause delays to those individuals receiving benefits after December 29, 2012. The Department is working to minimize those delays and encourages everyone to file their UI required paperwork and certifications online via the web based application at www.AZUI.com. If persons filing for benefits do not have access to the internet at home, they can access the website at any public internet access point or at the one-stop centers listed. Using the website will allow for faster processing of an individual's claim and faster receipt of benefits.