

## **FACT SHEET**

### **Information for Furloughed Federal Workers: Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE)**

While on furlough, Federal employees may become eligible for unemployment benefits under the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program. UCFE is paid by the states under the same terms and conditions as regular state unemployment compensation (UC). You will need to contact the state of your **duty station** to file an UCFE claim. To qualify for benefits, you must have earned sufficient wages during the prior 12 — 18 months, as determined under the state UC law. The state will advise you of whether or not you are eligible for benefits.

It is important to have certain key documents ready when you file your claim. States may take claims over the Internet, telephone, or in-person. Follow instructions provided on the state's Web site. Information on where and how to file can be found on the U.S Department of Labor (DOL) Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/sequestration/ui-federalemployees.htm>.

To file a claim with your state you will need your agency's official name, your payroll provider's address, and your agency's Federal Identification Code (FIC). Your servicing Human Resources office will be able to provide this information.

For additional information regarding the eligibility requirements for unemployment compensation refer to the DOL Web site: <http://www.dol.gov/sequestration/ui-federalemployees.htm>.