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**SUBJECT: AUGUST 2017 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND REPORT**

The attached September Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report provides information on the trust fund status through the end of August 2017. Projections for the private contributory account for 2017 through 2021 remain as published in the August Outlook Report.

The report highlights include:

The August 2017 private contributory account balance was \$1.033 billion, \$23.9 million higher than the outlook due to lower than expected benefit payments.

The 2017 outlook for benefit payments remains projected at \$1.425 billion; employer contributions are estimated at \$1.372 billion and the year-end private contributory account balance is expected to be \$803 million.

Under the current economic assumptions the projections indicate that no borrowing from the federal unemployment account will be required in the 2017 through 2021 outlook period.

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