

INFO LINK

Your link to information regarding North Dakota Unemployment Insurance

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**Employer's
Contribution and
Wage Reports for
the quarter ending
September 30, 2005,
are due and must be
submitted by
October 31, 2005**

ACCOUNT NUMBERS!!

To avoid errors and possibly crediting another employer's account, please enter your North Dakota state unemployment insurance (NDSUI) account number if you are completing an Employer's Contribution & Wage Report that was not printed with your account number.

CHECK OUT *UI EASY* – IT'S EASY ONLINE

UI EASY (Unemployment Insurance Employer Account System) has now been available for use by employers for six months. *UI EASY* provides employers the opportunity to file quarterly reports, make electronic payments and change certain account information online in a secure environment and with immediate results. Response by employers in using the service has exceeded our expectations and comments have been very positive.

Certain features have been especially appreciated:

- * Reports can be filed early, with electronic payments "warehoused" until the due date.
- * Names and SSN's of employees reported in *UI EASY* the previous quarter will be displayed for your reporting convenience for the current quarter.
- * Larger employers find it convenient to "import" payroll information from their payroll system into *UI EASY*. This eliminates the need for manual entry. Click on the "Help" link to find detailed instructions on how to accomplish this.
- * The ability to sort employees by SSN, first or last name, alphabetically, or by wage amount. This may be done by clicking on the title of the column you wish to sort.

Job Service North Dakota deliberately does not save bank routing numbers and checking account numbers in order to protect the privacy of that information. We have received many requests that we save that information and return it the following quarter so that employers do not have to re-enter it. The entry of this information requires exact precision and mistakes are easily made. Mistakes can result in payments not being received and interest being assessed. Job Service North Dakota will investigate the advisability of saving and displaying this information in future quarters.



To begin using *UI EASY*, go to www.jobsnd.com <<http://www.jobsnd.com>> and click on the *UI EASY* link.

If you have questions, you may contact us by email at jselrep@state.nd.us or by phone at 1-800-472-2952.

Workforce 20/20 Program Helping Businesses Reduce Employee Training Costs

The need for highly skilled workers is increasing as employers in North Dakota implement new technology and work methods. Workforce 20/20 is a state-funded program to assist employers in training their employees. The program is funded at \$1.45 million over the next biennium from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007.

The Workforce 20/20 Program has helped many employers reduce costs in training employees to apply new technologies and work methods in the workplace. Often the training results in higher-wages and higher-skilled jobs. The increased earning potential and employment opportunities create a positive impact on the economy. Program funds are available to existing companies and companies that are expanding or locating to North Dakota. Training funds are limited to North Dakota residents who are or will be employed in the state. Equitable access to funds is provided to both urban and rural areas and funds are available regardless of the company size.

For more information or to request funds call Donna Stoltz, Job Service North Dakota, 701-328-3358 or access funding information at jobsnd.com/employers/workforce.html.



Online Services Are Available

Job Service North Dakota is pleased to announce the availability of **UI ICE** (*Unemployment Insurance Internet Claim Entry*) to provide individuals with another way to access Unemployment Insurance services in North Dakota.



UI ICE allows you to file a claim for unemployment insurance, reopen an existing claim, or certify weekly eligibility for payment on the web, all at your own pace. In order to use **UI ICE**, all you need is a computer with Internet access and an email account.

Even if you choose to use **UI ICE** to file your claim, you can still use the telephone to certify your weekly eligibility. If you already have an existing claim that you filed over the telephone, you can now certify your weekly eligibility with **UI ICE**. You have your choice of methods for accessing Unemployment Insurance services from Job Service North Dakota.

To begin using **UI ICE**, go to www.jobsnd.com <<http://www.jobsnd.com>> and click on the **UI ICE** link.

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