

# 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  
December 31, 2006, are  
due and must be  
submitted by  
January 31, 2007.**

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## **INFORMATION, FORMS, AND ASSISTANCE**

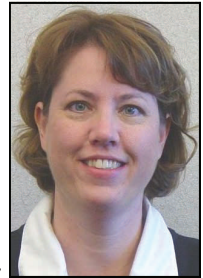
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You may also contact your  
local Unemployment  
Insurance Field  
Representatives listed on  
the back page of this  
newsletter.

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## **WELCOME TO MICHELLE JENKS MANAGER FOR THE BENEFIT AND PAYMENT CONTROL UNIT**

We are pleased to inform you Michelle Jenks was recently selected to serve as the Manager of UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) Benefits and Payment Control Unit for JSND. She is responsible for managing both the UI Claims Center and Overpayment Unit. In overseeing these areas, she is responsible for processing and adjudication of eligibility of all UI claims, as well as the identification and correction of improper benefit payments to claimants. Prior to this position, Michelle worked in the Bismarck local office helping job seekers find employment and helping businesses find quality employees. If you have questions about UI claims or overpayments, please contact Michelle at 701-328-2878 or [mjenks@nd.gov](mailto:mjenks@nd.gov).



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## **EXEMPTION FOR REPORTING OF WAGES FOR CORPORATE OFFICERS OR LCC MANAGERS**

Corporate Officers and Limited Liability Company managers who meet certain criteria may be exempted from reporting under the North Dakota Unemployment Compensation Law.

Qualifying officer/managers may file for this exemption during January of any year. The exemption is effective January 1 of the year the exemption is requested. Please visit with your tax professional regarding possible Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) implications prior to taking this action.

Application forms are available on our web site at [jobsnd.com](http://jobsnd.com). They may also be requested by emailing us at [jsuits@nd.gov](mailto:jsuits@nd.gov), or calling 1-800-472-2952.

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## **REMINDER-NOTICE OF CLAIM**

Returning your **Notice of Claim** timely when an employee files for UI benefits can translate into savings on your experience rate. It is important that you reply by the date noted on the notice if you disagree with the statement on the notice. For help with questions concerning the **Notice of Claim**, call the Claims Center at 701-328-2866. Claims Representatives are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Time.

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## Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax Rates are Reduced

UI tax rates for 2007 were mailed to North Dakota employers on December 5, 2006. The tax rate schedules for 2007 represent a 0.20% decrease in the average tax rate on taxable wages. Over 80% of employers will receive rate decreases from 2006 rates; a small number will have no rate change and the balance will receive rate increases.

The rate decrease is made possible due to the fact that the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance is healthy. A portion of the projected unemployment benefit payments in the next year will be funded by drawing down the Trust Fund to a predetermined target, thereby reducing the amount of taxes needed from employers.

The 2007 taxable wage base is \$21,300. This amount is set in statute and represents 70% of the average wage in North Dakota.

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## Additional Payments May Be Made To Lower Your Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax Rate For 2007

Most North Dakota employers qualify to make additional payments to lower their tax rate for 2007. If you are one of those employers the 2007 Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate and Taxable Wage Base Notice that you recently received by mail will explain the process.

Payments made for this purpose must be made by April 30, 2007, and must be in addition to any taxes otherwise due.

If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact your local UI Field Representative listed in this newsletter or you may contact our administrative office by email at [jsuits@nd.gov](mailto:jsuits@nd.gov) or by calling 1-800-472-2952.



### REMINDER

*UI EASY is now available for convenient online filing of unemployment insurance quarterly reports.*

*It's safe.*

*It's Convenient.*

*It's EASY.*

Go to [www.jobsnd.com](http://www.jobsnd.com)...Click on the **UI EASY** logo.

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## YOUR OPINIONS AND QUESTIONS WANTED!

Your opinion counts. This newsletter has been provided to employers, and we would like your opinions as to what you like or dislike about the newsletter. We would like to know what articles and information you would like to see in future newsletters.

Send us an e-mail at [jsuits@state.nd.us](mailto:jsuits@state.nd.us) or call us at 701-328-2814 or 1-800-472-2952.

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