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Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation Deadline Arrives *Approximately 2,000 Iowans Will Begin Losing Benefits Each Week*

DES MOINES – The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program, consisting of up to 47 additional weeks of benefits, has not been extended by Congress. Individuals currently on one of the three tiers of EUC benefits will be allowed to finish the tier, however additional benefits will not be available.

“While the Iowa economy is showing signs of improvement, there are thousands of individuals still in need of EUC benefits,” stated Director Elisabeth Buck. “Approximately 2,000 Iowans will lose out on additional benefits each week over the next several months because Congress did not extend the program.”

Individuals, who exhausted their regular Iowa benefits on or before the week ending November 20th, were eligible for the Tier 1 of EUC. Additionally, a claimant who exhausted Tier 1 or Tier 2 on or prior to the week ending November 27th were eligible for an additional Tier of benefits. Those currently on Tier 3 will be allowed to exhaust those benefits. All eligible EUC benefits must be used by the week ending April 30, 2011.

“I strongly encourage anyone in need of employment assistance to visit one of our 55 IowaWORKS offices throughout the state and take advantage of available programs,” said Buck.

IowaWORKS offices provide a wealth of services including skill assessments; job placement assistance; résumé, interviewing, job search and re-employment classes; basic computer training and more. Additionally, information is available on assistance for re-training and programs such as Training Extension Benefits (www.iowaworkforce.org/trainingextensionbenefits) which can provide an additional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits for those pursuing training in an approved course.

For more information on unemployment benefits and employment services, contact your local IowaWORKS office. Contact information is available at www.iowaworkforce.org.

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