Executive Summary
Reemployment and System Integration-Dislocated Worker Grants
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The webinar objectives are to review the purpose, goals, expected outcomes, and requirements of the discretionary grant called Reemployment and Systems Integration-Dislocated Worker Grants (RSI-DWG). This is also a peer-sharing session to improve integrated technology solutions that support connectivity across WIOA programs and services.

We are entering the fourth year since the passage of WIOA. Due to multiple layoff events, increased numbers of long-term unemployed individuals, and program changes required by WIOA, the RSI-DWG was made available in 2016 to help integrate workforce systems, yet some states are currently facing difficulties with achieving their project deliverables. RSI-DWGs were awarded to 40 out of 50 states and outlying areas who received up to $1.1 million dollars as seed money to integrate their workforce IT systems. Two state agencies have spent over 50% of their RSI-DWG. These states are peer-sharing today to help other grantees manage and improve their progress toward meeting the goals of the grant by the September 30, 2018 deadline.

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security and New York State Department of Labor shared detailed information on how they overcame barriers, partner engagement, contracting with vendors and securing the proper equipment, training staff, and other technology solutions. These two state agencies presented an overview of their newly integrated registration and case management systems for Dislocated Workers (DW), Wagner-Peyser (ES) and Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs. Presentations include screenshots of a robust on-line service delivery hub that integrates information and on-line services; and an improved connection to real-time labor market information including training providers with performance outcomes. These states demonstrated how improved Systems Integrations go hand-in-hand with Service Integration. At the conclusion is a list of resources and contact information.