



EMPLOYER EDUCATION EVENT

SAVE the DATES!

St. Thomas- SBDC at Nisky Center

October 21st and October 22nd

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Or

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

St. Croix – SBDC at Sion Farm

October 28th and October 29th

9:00 AM to 11 AM, Or

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Understanding the Benefits of
Sides & SIDES E-Response



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A Free Event Sponsored by the Division of Unemployment Insurance and Business & Employer Services

What is SIDES?

SIDES, the Unemployment Insurance State Information Data Exchange System, is a new, web-based system that allows the Department of Labor and employers to communicate directly and efficiently when an individual files a new unemployment insurance claim. The system transmits questions from the Department of Labor about Unemployment Insurance claims by former employees directly to you, so that we can promptly process claims and avoid fraud in the system. Created in partnership with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, **SIDES** will help you or your representative (for example, a third-party administrator) respond to questions about claims easily, accurately and in a timely manner.

How does UI SIDES help me?

When a worker becomes unemployed and applies for Unemployment Insurance benefits, the Department of Labor contacts former employers to find out why the worker left or lost his or her job. We rely on employers to give us this information so we can use it, along with information provided by the worker, to determine if the worker is entitled to benefits.

In short, **SIDES** helps you respond to our questions about your former employees' termination quickly and completely. This prevents payments from going to people who do not deserve them, while preserving the integrity of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and your employer account. Preventing fraud ultimately saves you money and reduces your unemployment insurance tax liability.

Benefits of SIDES and SIDES E-Response

- ✓ Saves time and money
- ✓ Provided for FREE
- ✓ Reduces staff time
- ✓ Reduces paper work
- ✓ Helps keep UI rates as low as possible by reducing overpayments
- ✓ Provides an electronic, nationally standardized data format
- ✓ Includes data checks to ensure the exchange of complete and valid information
- ✓ Provides tools for a healthier bottom line
- ✓ Reduces follow up requests and phone calls

SIDES & SIDES E-Response Registration Form

Employer Name: _____

D/b/a (if applicable) _____

UI Account Number: _____

Name of Representative attending: _____

Phone No. _____ Email: _____

Please check the session you will be attending and email the form to kedwards@vidol.gov.

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS

Tuesday, October 21^s

9 am to 11 am

1pm to 3 pm

Wednesday, October 22nd

9 am to 11 am

1pm to 3 pm

ST. CROIX SESSIONS

Tuesday, October 28th

9 am to 11 am

1pm to 3 pm

Wednesday, October 29th

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(Please note: You are only required to attend one session. The seating capacity is limited to 50 persons per session. We may re-register you into another session within the same location dependent on the time you have submitted your SIDES E-Response registration form. We will contact you in the event you are re-registered in another session.)

Weather

In case of inclement weather, please follow the lead of the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency. If government offices are closed, the seminars will be postponed until a later date.