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Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Availability of State Department of Labor Job Search Program
Information Via the State Office of Rural Affairs, Rural
Assistance Information Network

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment I - Rural Assistance Information Network
Public Access Points
(not available on-line)

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of a cooperative effort, involving the State Department of Labor (DOL) and the State Office of Rural Affairs (ORA), which enables users of ORA's Rural Assistance Information Network (RAIN) to access DOL's Job Search as a menu option.

This new initiative links the Labor Department's self-search job information system with RAIN, giving users of RAIN access to all jobs listed by local, state and national employers.

RAIN is a computer service offered by the Office of Rural Affairs to anyone with a computer and modem. At the heart of the RAIN system is a directory of over 1,500 State and Federal technical and financial assistance programs available to rural areas. Each program listing contains information including a program description, the type of assistance and the name, address and phone number of a contact person in a State or Federal agency.

In addition to the program directory and the Job Search, RAIN menu options also include a directory of State agencies, 1990 Census information, current rural news selected private funding services and information on recycling efforts of every community in the state.

To access the RAIN system, including the new Job Search menu option, communication software should be set to: 7 data bits, one stop bit, even parity, baud rate can be set to either 300, 1200 or 2400; and the phone number should be set to (518) 486-6631.

For additional information about the RAIN system or if technical assistance is required call the Office of Rural Affairs at (518) 473-9003 or write: Office of Rural Affairs, State Capitol, Second Floor, Albany, New York 12224.

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Attachment I provides a list of organizations, located throughout rural New York, which have agreed to make their computer equipment available to those who are interested in accessing RAIN but lack the necessary computer equipment. Anyone interested in utilizing the facilities at any of these public access points should phone the contact person listed to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Any questions regarding the content of this memo should be directed to your technical advisor in the Bureau of Employment Programs at 1-800-342-4100, extension 3-8377. As noted above, technical questions regarding the RAIN system should be directed to the Office of Rural Affairs.

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