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Hello to all our Small Business Clients,

We hope you and your business are doing well so far in 2021!

We know the number one issue for businesses is finding employees, and we have some good news on that front.

Beginning yesterday, all individuals filing for unemployment insurance (UI) will again be required to register with the Wisconsin Jobs Center and submit four work search claims per week to maintain eligibility for the benefit. As this process is done through the State of Wisconsin website, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is able to monitor whether a claimant has fulfilled that requirement each week. As such, application statuses, offers for employment, and other information is monitored through DWD's software.

DWD issued a press release with compliance information and frequently asked questions which can be found at this link: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/press/210519-work-search.htm>.

In the press release, it is interesting to note that "*Applying for work that you know that you would not accept or that is not suitable for you*" is an example of an invalid work search.

We hope this change will lead to more applications coming your way.

As always please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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