Review of State UI Benefits and Tax System Developments

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- Cloud (2012 /15 ?)
 - Third generation modern technology
 - Multi-tenancy
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Change Drivers

- Declining resources
- Technology maturity
- Legislative changes
- Customer Demand
- Workforce program connectivity
- Criminal activities

System features of third generation UI technology

- Self-service
 - Tax, wage reports, initial claims, weekly certifications and account maintenance
- Migration to cloud hosting
- Refactored to multi-tenancy
- Mobile technology capable
 - Weekly benefits certification
 - Online work search reporting and validation
- Big data analytics
 - Fraud pattern detection
 - Re-employment effort engagement
- Rules and decision engine driven
- Single sign-on for UI and workforce technology

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CHALLENGES

- Development funding
- Lack of development staffing
- Shortage of development expertise
- No road map reengineered systems
- Human resistance to change
- Risk associated with being the first
- Increased incidence of criminal activity

Exporting the success/paying the bills

- Consortium Development
 - o 11 states expressed an interest
 - Four states started the journey
 - Three states developed and are maturing the partnership
 - Mississippi
 - Rhode Island
 - Maine
 - THE MRM CONSORTIUM
- Funded by a grant from USDOL
 - Funds available into 2018 for this development
 - Obligation to share with other states
- Onboarding
 - Discussions in progress now with other potential partners

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