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## NC Employment Security Commission Update at May Raleigh Wake Human Resource Management Association (RWHRMA) Monthly Meeting

**Raleigh, NC, – May 5, 2009** Leon Perry, Manager of the Raleigh Employment Security Commission Office, and Mike Ward, the ESC's Regional Tax Manager, will update the audience on North Carolina Unemployment Compensation at the monthly RWHRMA meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Of interest to local businesses will be information on employer tax rate structure, voluntary contributions, controlling claim costs and remote tax filing. Current information regarding EUC08 (Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008) will be presented. The Governor of North Carolina signed an agreement with the US Department of Labor that will allow for the federal extension of unemployment benefits in the state under EUC08. The program has been extended due to the enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Economic Stimulus). Recent revisions to extended benefits and FAC payments will be presented with a time for Q&A.

Perry, originally from Springfield, Massachusetts, joined the ESC in February 1997 as an Employment Consultant in the Fayetteville ESC office. He served a dual role as Veterans and Placement Supervisor in Aberdeen, NC and then returned to the Fayetteville office as Placement Supervisor in 2002. He became manager of the Clinton, NC office in 2005 then promoted to the larger, Durham office in 2007. He accepted his current position in Raleigh in January 2009. Perry began his career by serving 21 years in the United States Air Force. He received a BA in Psychology from Fayetteville State University.

Ward served in the Army and then graduated from UNC Chapel Hill. His career with the NCSEC began in 1973 where he has served in various positions within the Commission. He has been in the Tax Division since 1993 as the Regional Tax Manager. He is responsible for supervision of the administration and enforcement of tax liability, the collections and audit functions of unemployment tax laws in Northeast NC. He is the recipient of the ESC Chairman's Award for Tax.

RWHRMA welcomes members and prospective members to attend this event at the Raleigh Women's Club. Registration, networking and Luncheon buffet begin at 11:30 AM with chapter business and the program starting at Noon. Member fees are \$22.50 for pre-registrants and \$25.00 for walk-ins; Guest fees are \$27.50 for pre-registrants and \$30.00 for walk-ins; Student fees are \$10.00. All fees include buffet lunch. Space is limited so advance registration is strongly encouraged. Registration for this meeting will be accepted until Friday, May 15th at 5pm. For additional information or to register visit [www.rwhrma.org](http://www.rwhrma.org)

**About RWHRMA:** Raleigh-Wake Human Resource Management Association (RWHRMA) is a not-for-profit human resources professional association and is a local affiliate of the national [Society for Human Resource Management](http://www.shrm.org) (SHRM) organization focused on serving the HR professional and advancing the HR profession. Established in 1954 and nationally recognized for its many award-winning programs and a premier chapter of SHRM, RWHRMA provides many professional development, community service, and networking opportunities to its more than 500 members representing a variety of businesses and industries. Contact: Barb Giarelli, Press Release Coordinator, RWHRMA, 919-269-2313 or [Giarelli\\_Barb@cat.com](mailto:Giarelli_Barb@cat.com)



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