

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

STEVE E JOHNSON
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 06A-UI-10517-HT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**HELPING HANDS TEMPORARY
SERVICES INC**
Employer

**OC: 10/01/06 R: 02
Claimant: Respondent (1)**

Section 96.4(3) – Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer, Helping Hands, filed an appeal from a decision dated October 18, 2006, reference 03. The decision allowed benefits to the claimant, Steve Johnson. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on November 13, 2006. The claimant participated on his own behalf. The employer participated by President Arlene Wenzel.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant must make weekly work searches.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Steve Johnson began working for Helping Hands on February 24, 2006. He last worked on August 31, 2006, when his current assignment ended. He had kept in contact with this employer and other temporary agencies since that time.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

The claimant must continue to make two job contacts per week, as his last assignment with Helping Hands ended and he does not have any assurance of a recall to any specific client company. He is therefore required to make two employer contacts each week in order to maintain eligible for unemployment benefits.

DECISION:

The representative's decision of October 18, 2006, reference 03, is affirmed. Steve Johnson must make two employer contacts per week in order to maintain eligible for benefits.

Bonny G. Hendricksmeier
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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