

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors (BoV) for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The Board's charter was renewed on February 21, 2012 in compliance with the requirements set forth in Title 10 U.S.C. 2166.

Date: Wednesday, June 27th, 2012.*Time:* 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.*Location:* Double Tree Hotel Conference Room, 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd., Columbus, Georgia.

Proposed Agenda: Update briefings from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy); Department of State; US Northern Command and US Southern Command as well as receive other information appropriate to its interests.

Date: Thursday, June 28th, 2012.*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*Location:* WHINSEC, 7161 Richardson Circle, Modular 2D, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905.

Proposed Agenda: Topics will include a public comments period; update briefing from the WHINSEC Commandant; Subcommittee objectives discussion; and open discussion period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: WHINSEC Board of Visitors Secretariat at (703) 614-8721.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), members of the public or interested groups may submit written statements to the advisory committee for consideration by the committee members. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and sent via fax to (703) 614-8920 or emailed to scott.caldwell@us.army.mil by 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, June 20th, 2012, for consideration at this meeting. In addition, public comments by individuals and organizations may be made from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. during the meeting on June 28th. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Anyone desiring to make an oral statement must register by sending a fax

to (703) 614-8920 or email to scott.caldwell@us.army.mil with his/her name, phone number, email address, and the full text of his/her comments (no longer than two typewritten pages) by 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, June 20th, 2012. The first five requestors will be notified by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, June 25th, 2012, of their time to address the Board during the public comment forum. All other comments will be retained for the record. Public seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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BILLING CODE 3710-08-P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Applications for New Awards; Centers for Independent Living—Training and Technical Assistance****AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education**ACTION:** Notice.**Overview Information***Centers for Independent Living—Training and Technical Assistance*

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2012.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 84.132B.

DATES:*Applications Available:* April 4, 2012.*Deadline for Transmittal of**Applications:* May 21, 2012.*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 18, 2012.**Full Text of Announcement****I. Funding Opportunity Description***Purpose of Program*

The purpose of the Training and Technical Assistance grant under the Centers for Independent Living program is to provide training and technical assistance to eligible agencies, centers for independent living (CILs), and Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs) with respect to planning, developing, conducting, administering, and evaluating CILs.

A CIL is a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and that provides an array of independent living services. An eligible agency is a consumer-controlled,

community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agency.

The purpose of independent living services is to maximize leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with significant disabilities, and to integrate these individuals into the mainstream of American society.

Each State establishes a SILC that jointly develops and signs the State Plan for Independent Living with the Designated State Unit and monitors, reviews, and evaluates the implementation of the State plan. A majority of a SILC's members are individuals with disabilities, and other members include CIL representatives and State agency representatives, as well as other appropriate individuals.

Priorities: This competition contains two absolute priorities. These priorities are from the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2007 (72 FR 34450).

Background

The Department is inviting applications for one grant to provide training and technical assistance to CILs and SILCs. This is a change from how we conducted the last competition for this grant. In 2007, we awarded separate grants to train CILs and SILCs. In response to the FY 2007 notice of proposed priorities published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2007 (72 FR 9936), the majority of the commenters expressed their preference for awarding a single training and technical assistance grant for both CILs and SILCs. These commenters stated that training CILs and SILCs together would allow them to understand each other's activities, needs, and issues and would promote effective communication and collaboration between CILs and SILCs, thus enabling them to better achieve their common goals. While CILs and SILCs have discrete statutorily-based responsibilities, commenters recognized that CILs and SILCs share the common fundamental objective to improve independent living for persons with significant disabilities.

While acknowledging the validity of the concerns expressed regarding separate grants, the Department determined in 2007 that the benefits of two grants outweighed the potential costs. The Department believed that two grants would permit grantees to focus training and technical assistance on the specific needs of CILs and SILCs separately to ensure that the unique activities and responsibilities of the CILs and SILCs were addressed.