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**Registration:** Individuals and entities who wish to attend the public meeting are strongly encouraged to pre-register for the meeting on-line by clicking the registration link found at: <https://www.justice.gov/ncfs/term-2-meetings-8-15#s13>. Online registration for the meeting must be completed on or before 5:00 p.m. (EST), Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

**Additional Information:** The Department of Justice welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations, please indicate your requirements on the online registration form.

Dated: March 3, 2017.

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*Designated Federal Officer, National Commission on Forensic Science.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Workforce Information Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of Nominations for a State Labor Market Information Director to serve on the Workforce Information Advisory Council.

**Authority:** Pursuant to the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 49 *et seq.*; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128; Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (Department) is soliciting nominations for a state Labor Market Information (LMI) director to fill a vacancy on the Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC). The person selected to fill this vacancy will be asked to serve on the WIAC until March 25, 2019. The Department invites interested parties to submit nominations for this vacancy and announces the procedures for those nominations.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

Section 15 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, 29 U.S.C. 49j-2, as amended by section 308 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128 requires the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to establish the WIAC.

The statute, as amended, requires the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Labor Statistics and the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, to formally consult at least twice annually with the WIAC to address: (1) Evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system established by the Wagner-Peyser Act, and of the statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system, and (2) how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. The Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), and in consultation with the WIAC and appropriate Federal agencies, must also develop a 2-year plan for management of the system, with subsequent updates every two years thereafter. The statute generally prescribes how the plan is to be developed and implemented, outlines the contents of the plan, and requires the Secretary to submit the plan to the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

By law, the Secretary must "solicit, receive, and evaluate" recommendations from the WIAC, and respond to the recommendations in writing to the WIAC. The WIAC must make written recommendations to the Secretary on the evaluation and improvement of the workforce and labor market information system, including recommendations for the 2-year plan. The 2-year plan, in turn, must describe WIAC recommendations and the extent to which the plan incorporates them.

The Department anticipates that the WIAC will accomplish its objectives by, for example: (1) Studying workforce and labor market information issues; (2) seeking and sharing information on innovative approaches, new technologies, and data to inform employment, skills training, and workforce and economic development decision making and policy; and (3) advising the Secretary on how the workforce and labor market information system can best support workforce development, planning, and program development.

##### II. Structure

The Wagner-Peyser Act at section 15(d)(2)(B), requires the WIAC to have 14 representative members, appointed by the Secretary, consisting of:

(i) Four members who are representatives of lead State agencies with responsibility for workforce investment activities, or State agencies described in Wagner-Peyser Act Section 4 (agency designated or authorized by Governor to cooperate with the Secretary), who have been nominated by such agencies or by a national organization that represents such agencies;

(ii) Four members who are representatives of the State workforce and labor market information directors affiliated with the State agencies responsible for the management and oversight of the workforce and labor market information system as described in Wagner-Peyser Act Section 15(e)(2), who have been nominated by the directors;

(iii) One member who is a representative of providers of training services under WIOA section 122 (Identification of Eligible Providers of Training Services);

(iv) One member who is a representative of economic development entities;

(v) One member who is a representative of businesses, who has been nominated by national business organizations or trade associations;

(vi) One member who is a representative of labor organizations, who has been nominated by a national labor federation;

(vii) One member who is a representative of local workforce development boards, who has been nominated by a national organization representing such boards; and

(viii) One member who is a representative of research entities that use workforce and labor market information.

The Secretary must ensure that the membership of the WIAC is geographically diverse, and that no two members appointed under clauses (i), (ii), and (vii), above, represent the same State. Each member will be appointed for a term of three years, except that the initial terms for members may be one, two, or three years in order to establish a rotation in which one-third of the members are selected each year. The Secretary will not appoint a member for any more than two consecutive terms. Any member whom the Secretary appoints to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the predecessor's term will be appointed

only for the remainder of that term. Members of the WIAC will serve on a voluntary and generally uncompensated basis, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend WIAC meetings, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by the Federal travel regulations.

### III. Nominations Process

To fill the vacancy for the state LMI director category, which is type (ii) listed in the section above, section 15(d)(2)(B) requires nominations may only be received from State workforce and labor market information directors.

If you would like to nominate a state LMI director for appointment to the WIAC, please submit, to one of the addresses listed below, the following information:

- A copy of the nominee's biographical information and resume;
- A cover letter that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual, the constituency area that they represent (as outlined above in the WIAC membership identification discussion), and their particular expertise for contributing to the national policy discussion on: (1) The evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system, and (2) how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems, including programs that produce employment-related statistics and State and local workforce and labor market information; and
- Contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, business phone, fax number, and business email address).

In addition, the cover letter must state that the nomination is being made in response to this **Federal Register** Notice and that the nominee (if nominating someone other than oneself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the WIAC until March 25, 2019.

Nominations for individuals to serve on the WIAC must be submitted (postmarked, if sending by mail; submitted electronically; or received, if hand delivered) by April 10, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and supporting materials described in this **Federal Register** Notice by any one of the following methods:

*Electronically:* Submit nominations, including attachments, by email using the following address: [WIAC@dol.gov](mailto:WIAC@dol.gov) (use subject line "Nomination—Workforce Information Advisory Council").

*Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, or courier service:* Submit one copy of the nominations and supporting materials to the following address: Workforce Information Advisory Council Nominations, Office of Workforce Investment, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room C-4526, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service are accepted by the Office of Workforce Investment during the hours of 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday. Due to security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays.

*Facsimile:* The Department will not accept nominations submitted by fax.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Rietzke, Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, Office of Workforce Investment (address above); (202) 693-3912; or use the email address for the WIAC, [WIAC@dol.gov](mailto:WIAC@dol.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Petition for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Petition for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by May 8, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free by contacting Samuel Wright by telephone at 202-

693-2879, TTY 1-877-889-5627, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [wright.samuel.e@dol.gov](mailto:wright.samuel.e@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210; by email: [wright.samuel.e@dol.gov](mailto:wright.samuel.e@dol.gov); or by Fax 202-693-3015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Donald Houghton by telephone at 202-693-2784 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [haughton.donald.w@dol.gov](mailto:haughton.donald.w@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

Under Executive Orders 12073 and 10582, and 20 CFR parts 651 and 654, the Secretary of Labor is required to classify LSAs and disseminate this information for the use of all Federal agencies. This information is used by Federal agencies for various purposes including procurement decisions, food stamp waiver decisions, certain small business loan decisions, as well as other purposes determined by the agencies. The LSA list is issued annually, effective October 1 of each year, utilizing data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Areas meeting the criteria are classified as LSAs.

Department regulations specify that the Department can add other areas to the annual LSA listing under the exceptional circumstance criteria. Such additions are based on information contained in petitions submitted by the state workforce agencies (SWAs) to ETA's national office. These petitions contain specific economic information about an area to provide ample justification for adding the area to the LSA listing under the exceptional circumstances criteria. The petitions submitted by the SWAs concern various aspects of unemployment and the economic condition for a specific area in order to provide justification for