

insufficient. Upon completion of this assignment, the Task Force shall submit to the President of the United States a final report detailing these strategies and proposals. Pursuant to the Executive Order and the charter, the report must specifically address the following four topics:

- Federal initiatives to promote apprenticeships;
- Administrative and legislative reforms that would facilitate the formation and success of apprenticeship programs;
- The most effective strategies for creating industry-recognized apprenticeships; and
- The most effective strategies for amplifying and encouraging private-sector initiatives to promote apprenticeships.

The Task Force is solely advisory in nature, and will consider testimony, reports, comments, research, evidence, and existing practices as appropriate to develop recommendations for inclusion in its final report to the President. While the Executive Order did not set forth a definite time by which the panel must complete its development of apprenticeship-related strategies and proposals and submit its final report to the President, it is important to note that the Task Force will not be continuing in nature. Additionally, given the nature and mission of the Task Force, some of the meeting proceedings could be included in a regulatory docket for an apprenticeship rulemaking, or other collection of documents made available by the agency for public viewing. Pursuant to both the Executive Order and the Charter, the Task Force shall terminate 30 days after it submits its final report to the President.

Under both the Executive Order and the Charter, the Secretary of Labor shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force. The Secretaries of Education and Commerce shall serve as Vice-Chairs of the Task Force. The Secretary of Labor has appointed the representative members of the Task Force, which consists of twenty (20) individuals who work for or represent the perspectives of trade and industry groups, companies, workforce advocacy organizations, unions, joint labor-management organizations, educational institutions, state or local governments, and such other persons as the Secretary of Labor may from time to time designate. These members include distinguished citizens from outside of the Federal Government with relevant experience concerning the development of a skilled workforce through quality apprenticeship programs. Pursuant to the Executive Order and the charter, a member of the Task Force may

designate a senior member of his or her organization to attend any Task Force meeting. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation for their work on the Task Force, but shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, to the extent permitted by law for persons serving intermittently in the Government service (5 U.S.C. 5701—5707), consistent with the availability of funds. Each member of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Labor for a term that will cease 30 days after the delivery of the panel's final report to the President, at which time the Task Force will be disbanded officially.

## II. Initial Public Meeting of the Task Force

In order to promote openness, and increase public participation, a viewing room will be made available for members of the public to observe the meeting proceedings. Registration is required. Instructions on how to register are listed below and will be posted prominently on the Task Force Web site: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>. Members of the public that will view the meeting in-person, from the viewing room, are encouraged to arrive early to allow for security clearance into the U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building.

### *Security and Transportation Instructions for Frances Perkins Building*

Meeting participants should use the visitor's entrance to access the Frances Perkins Building, one block north of Constitution Avenue on 3rd and C Streets NW. For security purposes:

1. Visitors must present valid photo identification (ID) to receive a visitor badge.
2. Visitors must know the name of the event you are attending: the meeting event is the Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion meeting.
3. Visitor badges are issued by the security officer at the Visitor Entrance located at 3rd and C Streets NW., as described above.
4. Laptops and other electronic devices may be inspected and logged for identification purposes.
5. Due to limited parking options, Metro rail is the easiest way to travel to the Frances Perkins Building. For individuals wishing to take metro rail, the closest metro stop to the building is Judiciary Square on the Red Line.

### *Notice of Intent To Attend the Meeting:*

All members of the public are being asked to register for the Task Force

meeting by Tuesday, November 7, 2017, via the public registration Web site using the following link: <https://secure.thegateam.com/dol-aetf-reg/>. Additionally, if individuals have special needs and/or disabilities that will require special accommodations, please send an email to [Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov](mailto:Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov), subject line "Special Accommodations for the November 2017 Task Force Meeting" no later than Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

The tentative agenda for this meeting includes the following:

- Strategies and proposals to promote apprenticeships
- Federal initiatives to promote apprenticeships
- Administrative and legal reforms
- Effective strategies for creating industry-recognized apprenticeships
- Effective strategies for amplifying and encouraging private-sector initiatives
- Adjourn

Any member of the public who wishes to provide a written statement should send an email to [Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov](mailto:Apprenticeshiptaskforce@dol.gov), subject line "Public Comment November 2017 Task Force Meeting."

The agenda and meeting logistics may be updated between the time of this publication and the scheduled date of the Task Force meeting. All meeting updates will be posted to the Task Force Web site: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/task-force.htm>.

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2016-0005]

### Preparations for the 34th Session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCGHS)

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested persons that on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., OSHA will conduct a public meeting to discuss proposals in preparation for the 34th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of

Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCCEGHS) to be held December 6 through December 8, 2017, in Geneva, Switzerland. OSHA, along with the U.S. Interagency GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals) Coordinating Group, plans to consider the comments and information gathered at this public meeting when developing the U.S. Government positions for the UNSCEGHS meeting. OSHA also will give an update on the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC).

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) will conduct a public meeting (See Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0037 Notice No. 2017-06) to discuss proposals in preparation for the 52nd session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCCE TDG) to be held November 27 to December 6, 2017, in Geneva, Switzerland. During this meeting, PHMSA is also requesting comments relative to potential new work items that may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda. PHMSA will also provide an update on recent actions to enhance transparency and stakeholder interaction through improvements to the international standards portion of its Web site.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at the DOT Headquarters Conference Center, West Building, Oklahoma City Conference Room, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**Times and Locations:** PHMSA public meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT, Oklahoma City Conference Room, OSHA public meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT, Oklahoma City Conference Room

**Advanced Meeting Registration:** The DOT requests that attendees pre-register for these meetings by completing the form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHSZ2Q9>. Attendees may use the same form to pre-register for both meetings. Failure to pre-register may delay your access into the DOT Headquarters building. Additionally, if you are attending in-person, arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to access the building.

Conference call-in and "Skype meeting" capability will be provided for both meetings. Specific information on such access will be posted when available at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/>

*hazmat/regs/international*, under Upcoming Events. This information will also be posted on OSHA's Hazard Communication Web site on the international tab at: [https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/hazcom\\_international.html#meeting-notice](https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/hazcom_international.html#meeting-notice).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*At the Department of Transportation, please contact:* Mr. Steven Webb or Mr. Aaron Wiener, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-8553.

*At the Department of Labor, please contact:* Ms. Maureen Ruskin, OSHA Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-1950, email: [ruskin.maureen@dol.gov](mailto:ruskin.maureen@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*The OSHA Meeting:* OSHA is hosting an open informal public meeting of the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on GHS-related issues and an opportunity to express their views orally and in writing for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions for the upcoming UNSCEGHS meeting.

General topics on the agenda include:

- Review of Working/Informal papers
- Correspondence Group updates
- Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Update

Information on the work of the UNSCEGHS, including meeting agendas, reports, and documents from previous sessions, can be found on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Transport Division Web site located at the following Web address: [http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\\_welcome\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.html).

The UNSCEGHS bases its decisions on Working Papers. The Working Papers for the 34th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at: <https://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c42017.html>.

Informal Papers submitted to the UNSCEGHS provide information for the Sub-committee and are used either as a mechanism to provide information to the Sub-committee or as the basis for future Working Papers.

In addition to participating at the Public meeting, interested parties may submit comments on the Working and Informal Papers for the 34th session of the UNSCEGHS to the docket established for International/Globally Harmonized System (GHS) efforts at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. OSHA-2016-0005.

*The PHMSA Meeting:* The **Federal Register** notice and additional detailed information relating to PHMSA's public

meeting will be available upon publication at: <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0037, Notice No. 2017-06), and on the PHMSA Web site at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>.

PHMSA will host the meeting to gain input from the public concerning proposals submitted to the UNSCE TDG for the 21st Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations, which may be implemented into relevant domestic, regional, and international regulations beginning January 1, 2021. During this meeting, PHMSA is also soliciting input relative to preparing for the 52nd session of the UNSCE TDG as well as potential new work items that may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda.

Copies of working documents, informal documents, and the meeting agenda may be obtained from the United Nations Transport Division's Web site at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html>.

**Authority and Signature**

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Signed at Washington, DC, on October 16, 2017.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards**

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a summary of petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below.

**DATES:** All comments on the petitions must be received by MSHA's Office of