

A. Background

FACOSH is authorized to advise the Secretary on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees (5 U.S.C. 7902; 29 U.S.C. 668, Executive Order 12196, as amended). This includes providing advice on how to reduce and keep to a minimum the number of injuries and illnesses in the federal workforce, and how to encourage the establishment and maintenance of effective occupational safety and health programs in each federal agency.

B. FACOSH Membership

DOL invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to FACOSH. The Council was chartered to provide advice relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees. This notice solicits nominations to fill sixteen vacancies; eight are members representing federal departments and agencies (management members), and eight are from labor organizations representing federal employees (labor members). The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on FACOSH. DOL anticipates filling vacancies by December 2021. Sources in addition to this **Federal Register** Notice will be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

The Secretary will appoint 16 FACOSH members to staggered terms of up to three years as follows:

- Eight labor representatives—three representatives for three-year terms, three representatives for two-year terms and two representatives for one-year terms; and
- Eight management representatives—three representatives for three-year terms, three representatives for two-year terms and two representatives for one-year terms.

FACOSH members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and may be appointed to successive terms. FACOSH meets at least twice a year.

DOL is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks broad-based and diverse FACOSH membership. Any federal agency, labor organization, or individual may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on FACOSH. Individuals also are invited and encouraged to submit statements in support of a nominee(s).

C. Nomination Requirements

Submission of nominations must include the following information:

1. The nominee's name and contact information;
2. Category of membership (management or labor) that the nominee is qualified to represent;
3. The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, including prior membership on FACOSH and other relevant organizations, associations and committees;
4. A summary of the nominee's background, experience and qualifications that address the nominee's suitability to serve on FACOSH;
5. Articles or other documents the nominee has authored, if any, that indicate the nominee's knowledge, experience and expertise in occupational safety and health, particularly as it pertains to the federal workforce; and
6. A statement that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to regularly attend and participate in FACOSH meetings, and has no apparent conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on FACOSH.

D. Member Selection

The Secretary appoints FACOSH members based upon criteria that include the nominee's level of responsibility for occupational safety and health matters involving the federal workforce; experience and competence in occupational safety and health; and willingness and ability to regularly and fully participate in FACOSH meetings. Federal agency management nominees who serve as their agency's Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO), or have an equivalent level of responsibility within their respective federal agencies, are preferred as management members. Labor nominees who have responsibilities for federal employee occupational safety and health matters within their labor organizations are preferred as labor members.

Information received through the nomination process, along with other relevant sources of information, will assist the Secretary in making appointments to FACOSH. In selecting FACOSH members, the Secretary will consider individuals nominated in response to this **Federal Register** notice, as well as other qualified individuals. OSHA will publish a list of the new FACOSH members in the **Federal Register**.

OSHA will consider any nomination submitted in response to this notice for the terms that begin January 1, 2022, or shortly thereafter. In addition, OSHA will consider the nominations for any vacancy that may occur during 2022

provided the nominee remains eligible to serve on FACOSH. OSHA believes that "rolling over" nominations for future consideration will make it easier for interested individuals to submit nominations and be considered for membership on FACOSH. This process also will provide OSHA with a broad base of nominations for ensuring that FACOSH membership is fairly balanced, which the Federal Advisory Committee Act requires (5 U.S.C. App.2, Section (5)(b)(2); 41 CFR 102-3.30(c)). OSHA will continue to request nominations as vacancies occur, but nominees whose information is current and accurate will not need to resubmit a nomination.

Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7902; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 29 U.S.C. 668; E.O. 12196 (45 FR 12629 (2/27/1980)), as amended; 41 CFR part 102-3; and Secretary of Labor's Order 08-2020 (85 FR 58393).

Signed at Washington, DC.

James S. Frederick,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2016-0022]

Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp.: Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp., for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before November 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted as follows:

Electronically: You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal

eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2016-0022, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3653, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries, (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Docket Office's normal business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET. **Please note:** While OSHA's docket office is continuing to accept and process submissions by regular mail, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public and not able to receive submissions to the rulemaking record by express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number (OSHA-2016-0022). OSHA places comments and other materials, including any personal information, in the public docket without revision, and these materials will be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, the agency cautions commenters about submitting statements they do not want made available to the public, or submitting comments that contain personal information (either about themselves or others) such as Social Security numbers, birth dates, and medical data.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office.

Extension of comment period: Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before November 8, 2021 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution

Avenue NW, Room N-3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693-1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693-2110 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

OSHA is providing notice that Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp. (BACL) is applying for expansion of recognition as a NRTL. BACL requests the addition of seven test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides a preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for

each NRTL, including BACL, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

BACL currently has one facility (site) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with headquarters located at: Bay Area Compliance Laboratories Corp., 1274 Anvilwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94089. A complete list of BACL's scope of recognition is available at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/bacl.html>.

II. General Background on the Application

BACL submitted an application, dated July 20, 2017 (OSHA-2016-0022-0009), to expand recognition to include seven additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

Table 1 lists the appropriate test standards found in BACL's application to expand for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED LIST APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN BACL'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 153	Portable Electric Luminaires.
UL 935	Standard for Fluorescent-Lamp Ballasts.
UL 1310 ...	Standard for Class 2 Power Units.
UL 1598 ...	Luminaires.
UL 1598C	Standard for Light Emitting Diode (LED) Retrofit Luminaire Conversion Kits.
UL 1993 ...	Self-Ballasted Lamps and Lamp Adapters.
UL 8750 ...	Standard for Light Emitting Diode (LED) Equipment for Use in Lighting Products.

III. Preliminary Findings on the Application

BACL submitted an acceptable application for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA's review of the application file and pertinent documentation indicates BACL can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding recognition to include the addition of these seven test standards for NRTL testing and certification in Table 1. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of BACL's application.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether BACL meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL.

Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. Commenters must submit the written request for an extension by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if the request is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. These materials also are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA-2016-0022.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner. After addressing the issues raised by these comments, the agency will make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health whether to grant BACL's application for expansion of the scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**.

IV. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2)), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393, Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC.

James S. Frederick,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: VETS' Jobs for Veterans State Grants Program Reporting

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: VETS is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed revision of certain information the agency collects from grant recipients. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by December 21, 2021.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this Information Collection Request (ICR) with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained for free by contacting Rebekah Haydin by telephone at (240) 867-2302 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at Haydin.Rebekah@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about this ICR by email to: Haydin.Rebekah@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebekah Haydin, by telephone at (240) 867-2302 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at Haydin.Rebekah@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Labor, 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.

The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) administers funds for the Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG) to each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands on an annual fiscal year basis. These

non-competitive, formula-driven grants are codified under Title 38, United States Code, (38 U.S.C.) Section 4102A(b)(5):

“Subject to subsection (c) make available for use in each state by grant or contract such funds as may be necessary to support—(A) disabled veterans' outreach program specialists appointed under section 4103A(a)(1) of this title, (B) local veterans' employment representatives assigned under section 4104(b) of this title, and (C) the reasonable expenses of such specialists and representatives described in subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, for training, travel, supplies, and other business expenses . . .”

VETS provides funds to states in accordance with an allocation formula required by 38 U.S.C. 4102A(c)(2)(B) and as published in regulation at Title 20, Part 1001, Subpart F of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training monitors and supervises the distribution and use of those funds as required by 38 U.S.C. 4102A(b)(6). Additionally, and in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 4107(b), the Secretary reviews performance and provides an annual report to Congress that includes a characterization of the quality and character of priority of services provided to veterans (38 U.S.C. 4215 and 20 CFR 1010.320, 1010.330), efforts to coordinate with the Veterans Administration in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 4102A(b)(3) and 4109; and incentive fund usage as described in 38 U.S.C. 4112.

VETS is requesting continued approval for the information collection that streamlines the annual funding request process for grantees, reports the use of grantee funds in sufficient detail to allow interim adjustments that ensure all appropriated funding is expended properly, and provides data needed for VETS' Annual Report to Congress.

The forms and reports collect required programmatic and financial data from states and territories requesting and obligating grant funds. The continued use of standardized formats for collecting this information helps to ensure that requested data is provided in a uniform way, reporting burdens are minimized, the impact of collection requirements on respondents are properly assessed, collection instruments are clearly understood by respondents, and the information is easily consolidated for posting in accordance with statutory requirements.

VETS is proposing the following revisions to the forms:

- *Add activity to budget for and report on management and*