DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Announcement of Public Briefings on Using the New H–2B Temporary Labor Certification Process for Occupations Other Than Agriculture or Registered Nursing

AGENCIES: Employment and Training Administration; Department of Labor. **ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) in the Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration (ETA) has recently reengineered several of its programs, including the H–2B temporary nonagricultural program. In addition, the Department's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the Employment Standards Administration (ESA) has amended contractual obligations applicable to employers of workers subject to Sections 101, 103 and 214(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

On December 19, 2008, the Department published a final rule redesigning the H–2B temporary nonagricultural program. The final rule significantly streamlined the labor certification process, including eliminating the duplicative review of H-2B applications by State Workforce Agencies and federalizing the provision of prevailing wage determinations. The H–2B Final Rule contains two implementation stages; a transition stage for all applications with a date of need before October 1, 2009, and a full implementation stage for applications with a date of need on or after October 1, 2009. All employers with a date of need on or after October 1, 2009 are required to comply with all assurances and obligations under the new final regulations.

In the preamble discussion of the H–2B Final Rule, the Department announced that it would provide stakeholder briefings on the H–2B Final Rule. ETA is issuing this notice to announce that it has scheduled two public briefings to educate stakeholders, program users, and other interested members of the public on applying for H–2B temporary labor certifications under the full implementation stage of the re-engineered program and on using the new ETA–9142 form.

As currently planned, the two briefings will take place in September of 2009 in Boston and Chicago. This notice provides the public with locations, dates, and registration information regarding the briefings. However, these briefings are subject to change and/or cancellation without further notice in the **Federal Register**. In the event of a change participants who have registered will be notified.

Time and Dates:

- 1. Thursday, September 17, 2009, Boston, Massachusetts. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 2. Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Chicago, Illinois. Time: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are: 1. Boston—Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street; Boston, MA 02199.

2. Chicago—Westin O'Hare, 6100 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.

To Register: To register to attend a briefing session please complete the registration process on-line, by visiting http://www.devdti.haverstick.biz/OFLCbriefings/Home.cfm. For questions regarding the registration process, please call (703) 299–1623 (this is not a toll-free number). Due to space considerations, attendance will be limited to those who register online. In the event of cancellation or change, registered participants will be notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the briefing, please contact William L. Carlson, PhD, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C–4312, Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: (202) 693–3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The registration information should be used by any member of the public planning to attend a briefing session.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 17th day of August 2009.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Request for Comments—LSC Budget Request for FY 2011

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation. **ACTION:** Request for Comments—LSC Budget Request for FY 2011.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation is beginning the process of developing its FY 2011 budget request to Congress and is soliciting suggestions as to what the request should be.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to Charles Jeffress, Chief Administrative Officer, Legal Services Corporation, 3333 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20007; 202–295–1630 (phone); 202–337–6386 (fax); cjeffress@lsc.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Legal Services Corporation's (LSC) mission is to promote equal access to justice in our Nation and to provide for high-quality civil legal assistance to low income persons. LSC submits an annual budget request directly to Congress and receives an annual direct appropriation to carry out its mission. For the current fiscal year (FY 2009), LSC received an appropriation of \$390,000,000 of which \$365,800,000 was for basic field programs and required independent audits; \$4,200,000 was for the Office of Inspector General; \$16,000,000 was for management and grants oversight; \$3,000,00 was for technology initiative grants; and \$1,000,000 was for loan repayment assistance. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009, Public Law 111-8, Div. B, Title IV, 123 Stat. 524 (2009). (The FY 2010 budget request has already been submitted to Congress and LSC is awaiting Congressional action.)

As part of its annual budget and appropriation process, LSC notifies the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in September as to what the LSC budget request to Congress will be for the next fiscal year. Accordingly, LSC is currently in the process of formulating its FY 2011 budget request. The Finance Committee of the LSC Board of Directors will meet on September 21, 2009 to develop a recommendation to make to the full Board.

LSC invites public comment on what its FY 2011 budget request should be. Interested parties may submit comments to LSC by September 4, 2009. More information about LSC can be found at LSC's Web site: http://www.lsc.gov.

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