

Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The May 9 session will be held in Room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Both sessions are open to the general public.

The purpose of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is to:

(a) Identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiaries and Department of Defense (DoD) military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from VA, through better coordination of the activities of the two departments;

(b) Identify opportunities to remove barriers that impede VA and DoD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement; and

(c) Identify opportunities through partnership between VA and DoD, to maximize the use of resources and infrastructures, including buildings, information technology and data sharing systems, procurement of supplies, equipment and services.

On the morning of May 8, the Vision Work Group and the Information Management/Information Technology Work Group will brief the Committee. During the afternoon session, the Leadership Work Group, Benefits Work Group and Acquisition and Procurement Work Group will brief the Committee. On the morning of May 9, the Pharmaceuticals Work Group, Facilities Work Group, and Resources and Budgeting Work Group will brief the Committee.

Interested parties can provide written comments to Mr. Dan Amon, Communications Director, President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery to Our Nation's Veterans, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, 4th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

Dated: April 22, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-

Disabilities Programs will be held May 15-16, 2002, at VA Headquarters, Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. on both days and adjourn at 4 p.m. on May 15 and 12 noon on May 16. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on VA's prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also advises the Secretary on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Department to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

The morning of May 15, the Committee will have briefings by the Acting Chief Consultant, VHA Employee Education Service or designee, and the Director, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Program or designee. In the afternoon, the Committee will be briefed by each of the four National program Directors of VA's special disability programs, i.e. spinal cord injury, blind rehabilitation, prosthetics, audiology and speech pathology. On the morning of May 16, the Committee will be briefed by the Acting Chief Consultant, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group and consider a report on Emergency Preparedness.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Ms. Cynthia Wade, Program Analyst, at Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group (117), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Wade, at (202) 273-8485.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training

Veterans' Workforce Investment Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP), Section 168, Program Year 2002 SGA (02-08).

SUMMARY: All applicants for grant funds should read this notice in its entirety. The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition for Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP), Section 168, Program Year 2002 competitive grants. These grants will assist eligible veterans who: have service-connected disabilities; served on active duty in the armed forces during a war, campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge was authorized; are recently separated veterans; and veterans with significant barriers to employment, by providing training, employment and supportive service assistance in areas of high demand occupations.

Under this solicitation, VETS anticipates that up to \$6,500,000 will be available for grant awards in Program Year (PY) 2002 and expects to award up to sixteen grants. Only one application will be accepted from each State's Governor. The VWIP programs are designed to be flexible in addressing the universal as well as local or regional problems barring veterans from the workforce. The program in PY 2002 will continue to strengthen the provision of comprehensive services through a case management approach, the attainment of supportive service resources for veterans entering the labor force, and strategies for employment and retention.

This notice describes the background, application process, description of program activities, evaluation criteria, and reporting requirements for this SGA. The information and forms contained in the Supplementary Information Section constitute the official application package. All necessary information and forms needed to apply for grant funding are included.

Forms or Amendments: If another copy of a Standard form is needed, go online to <http://www.nara.gov>.

To receive amendments to this Solicitation (Please reference SGA 02-08), *all applicants must register their*