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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An employee group health benefit plan or its issuer that imposes a preexisting condition exclusion period must give, as part of any enrollment application, an employee eligible for coverage a general notice that describes the plan's preexisting condition exclusion—including that the plan will reduce the maximum exclusion period by the length of an employee's prior creditable coverage. If there are no such enrollment materials, the notice must be provided as soon after a request for enrollment as is reasonably possible. The EBSA has provided sample language for the general notice. See 29 CFR 2590.701–3(c).

A plan that uses the alternative method of crediting coverage provided in the applicable regulations must disclose the use of that method at the time of enrollment and describe how the method operates. The plan must also explain that a participant has a right to establish prior creditable coverage through a certificate or other means and to request a certificate of prior coverage from a prior plan or issuer. Finally, a plan or issuer must offer to assist the participant in obtaining a certificate from a prior plan or issuer, if necessary. See 29 CFR 2590.701–4(c)(4).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210–0102. The current approval is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the

related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 2012 (77 FR 37920).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1210–0102. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL–EBSA.

*Title of Collection:* Notice of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion Under Group Health Plans.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210–0102.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 685,114.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,666,339.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 5,043.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$1,052,061.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

Dated: December 19, 2012.

Michel Smyth,

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO): Meeting

**AGENCY:** Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO). The ACVETEO will discuss Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services' (VETS) core programs and new initiatives regarding efforts that assist veterans seeking employment and raise employer awareness as to the advantages of hiring veterans. There will be an opportunity for persons or organizations to address the committee. Any individual or organization that wishes to do so should contact Mr. Gregory Green (202) 693–4734. Time constraints may limit the number of outside participants/presentations. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Wednesday, January 9, 2013 by contacting Mr. Gregory Green (202) 693–4734. Requests made after this date will be reviewed, but availability of the requested accommodations cannot be guaranteed. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This notice also describes the functions of the Advisory Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

*Date and Time:* Friday, January 25, 2013, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. (E.S.T.).

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room C5521, Washington, DC 20210. ID is required to enter the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Angel M. Menendez, Designated Federal Official, Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach, (202) 693–4712, or Mr. Gregory Green, (202) 693–4734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ACVETEO is a Congressionally mandated advisory committee authorized under Title 38, U.S. Code, Section 4110 and subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended. The ACVETEO is responsible for: Assessing employment and training needs of veterans; determining the extent to which the programs and activities of the U.S. Department of Labor meet these needs; assisting to conduct outreach to employers seeking

to hire veterans; making recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, with respect to outreach activities and employment and training needs of Veterans; and carrying out such other activities necessary to make required reports and recommendations. The ACVETEO meets at least quarterly.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 18th day of December, 2012.

**John K. Moran,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service.*

## Agenda

### Acveteo Meeting

January 25, 2013

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

*Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS)*

*John K. Moran*

10:00 a.m. Administrative Business

*Angel M. Menendez, Designated*

*Federal Official (DFO) for*

*ACVETEO*

10:15 a.m. DOL-VETS Presentation/

*Year in Review*

*Deputy Assistant Secretary (DASVET)*

*John K. Moran*

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Economic Programs Focused

*on Veteran Employment*

*Paul (Bud) Bucha, Committee*

*Chairman and several other*

*members/guest*

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Transition Assistance

*Update*

*OSD, VA and DOL*

3:00 p.m. Public Forum

3:15 p.m. Committee Member

*Discussion—Way Forward and*

*Homework Assignments*

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2012-0020]

### Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC)

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of WPAC meeting.

**SUMMARY:** WPAC will meet January 29, 2013, in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** *WPAC meeting.* WPAC will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.

### *Submission of comments, requests to speak, speaker presentations and requests for special accommodations.*

Comments, requests to speak at the WPAC meeting, speaker presentations and requests for special accommodations for the WPAC must be submitted (postmarked, sent, transmitted) by January 18, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** *WPAC meeting.* WPAC will meet in Room N4437 A/B/C, U.S. Department of Labor, Francis Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

*Submission of comments, requests to speak and speaker presentations.* You may submit comments, requests to speak at the WPAC meeting and speaker presentations, identified by the docket number in this **Federal Register** notice (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0020), by one of the following methods:

*Electronically.* You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for making submissions.

*Facsimile.* If your submission, including attachments, does not exceed 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

*Mail, express delivery, messenger or courier service.* You may submit your materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2012-0020, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and OSHA Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t., weekdays.

*Requests for special accommodations.* Please submit requests for special accommodations for the WPAC meeting to Ms. Veneta Chatmon, OSHA, Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1999; email [chatmon.veneta@dol.gov](mailto:chatmon.veneta@dol.gov).

*Instructions.* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** notice (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0020). Because of security-related procedures, submission by regular mail may result in significant delay in receipt. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures for making submissions. For additional information about submitting comments, requests to speak and speaker presentations, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Comments, requests to speak and speaker presentations, including personal information provided, will be placed in the public docket and may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information, such as social security numbers and birthdates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For press inquiries.* Mr. Frank Meilinger, OSHA, Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1999; email [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*For general information about WPAC and WPAC meetings.* Ms. Laura Seeman, OSHA, Directorate of Whistleblower Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4624, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2199; email [seeman.laura@dol.gov](mailto:seeman.laura@dol.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### WPAC Meeting

WPAC will meet Tuesday, January 29, 2013, in Washington, DC. WPAC meetings are open to the public.

WPAC advises the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (Assistant Secretary) on ways to improve the fairness, efficiency and transparency of OSHA's whistleblower investigations. WPAC operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and its implementing regulations (41 CFR Part 102-3).

The tentative agenda of the WPAC meeting includes:

Remarks from the Assistant Secretary;

Presentation by the Director of OSHA's Directorate of Whistleblower Programs on recent initiatives;

Remarks and explanation of meeting order and agenda from WPAC Chair;

Discussion on such topics such as improving customer service to workers and employers, improving the investigative and enforcement process, improvements of regulations governing OSHA investigations, and recommendations for cooperative activities with federal agencies responsible for areas also covered by the whistleblower protection statutes enforced by OSHA;

Public comments.

OSHA transcribes WPAC meetings and prepares detailed minutes of the meetings. OSHA places the meeting transcripts and minutes in the public record of the meeting. The public record also includes speaker presentations,