

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of January, 2001.

June M. Robinson,

Director, Office of Small Business Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act, Section 171(d), Demonstration Program: Incumbent/Dislocated Worker Skill Shortage II Demonstration Program; Notice of Changes to Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA)

On October 31, 2000, the Department of Labor (DOL) announced in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 64991-65007; FR Doc. 00-27930) a solicitation for grant applications (SGA) for the Incumbent/Dislocated Worker Skill Shortage II Demonstration Program (Reference: SGA/DFA 00-113). Proposals for this SGA were to be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 16, 2001.

Included among the requirements for activities under this demonstration program was the use of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL) as a wage standard for certain jobs to be filled by demonstration participants who were successful training completers. The relevant portion of the SGA at Part II, Section D., Wages noted:

Proposals must provide assurance that all participating firms which employ successful training completers have committed to pay wages to these completers * * * at a level at least equal to meeting the lower living standard income level as defined in Section 101(24) of WIA.

As a result of several inquiries regarding the LLSIL and in further consideration of this matter, the Department wishes to both clarify its intent and to change this requirement as originally announced. Because the LLSIL is adjusted for several factors, some inquirers have suggested that use of this standard in connection with its adjustments for family size could violate current equal pay protection standards. The Department wishes to note that violation of equal pay protection standards is not the intended use of the LLSIL in this SGA and regrets any misunderstanding in this matter.

Effective this date, Part II, Section D., Wages of the referenced SGA is replaced as follows:

Proposals must provide assurance that all participating firms which employ successful training completers have committed to pay wages to these completers at the wage level set by any collective bargaining agreement which covers positions to be filled by the project participants, or, if no such agreement exists, at a level at least equal to meeting the lower living standard income level as defined in Section 101(24) of WIA for a family of four.

As the above change indicates, the LLSIL, when used, is to be applied in the amounts applicable to a family of four. By standardizing the application of the LLSIL to this family size for this demonstration, a uniform wage level will be applicable for all persons regardless of their respective family sizes. All other adjustments to the LLSIL (regional, metropolitan, urban and rural differences) will continue to be applicable as provided in Section 101(24) of WIA.

(Information on the current LLSIL's may be found at: www.wdsc.org/llsil/ or in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 30630-30636; FR Doc. 00-11978))

To allow additional time for applicants to consider this notice, the Department hereby reopens and extends the deadline for receipt of proposals for this SGA until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, February 21, 2001. In addition, applicants who submitted proposals by the original deadline of January 16, 2001 are invited to amend their proposals accordingly by this new deadline.

Other than indicated herein, the requirements established by the above referenced October 31, 2000 SGA (SGA/DFA 00-113) remain in force.

Signed at Washington, DC, this sixteenth day of January 2001.

Laura A. Cesario,

Grant Officer, Division of Federal Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Senior Community Service Employment Program; Notice of Town Hall Meeting on the 2000 Amendments to the Older Americans Act

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Town Hall Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the first in a series of Town Hall Meetings that the Department of Labor intends to convene to assist in the identification of issues to be addressed in the implementation of changes to the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) occasioned by the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000, and to obtain the benefit of various practitioners' concerns and experiences in the operation of the SCSEP. Town Hall Meetings will be held in various locations throughout the country, in order to facilitate the participation of all interested individuals.

DATES: The first Town Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2001, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The date, location and time for subsequent Town Hall Meetings will be announced in advance in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The first Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel at 210 Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia, in conjunction with the National Older Worker Conference sponsored by the National Association of State Units on Aging.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Erich W. ("Ric") Larisch, Chief, Division of Older Worker Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N4644, Washington, DC 20210, Telephone: (202) 693-3742 (voice) TTY (202) 693-2871 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Town Hall Meetings is to provide each interested individual with an opportunity to comment on the Department of Labor's approach to the implementation of changes to the SCSEP occasioned by the revisions to title V of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000 (OAA) (Pub. L. 106-501) (dated November 13, 2000). Each attendee is welcome to offer comments on a variety of subjects, including: (1) Issues and concerns that should be addressed in regulations; (2) issues and concerns that should be addressed in policy guidance; (3) suggestions and comments on the overall implementation plan, such as consultation strategies; (4) specific suggestions on the approach that should be taken in implementing any or all of the new title V provisions; and (5) suggestions on revisions that should be made to the existing title V regulations which were published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, May 17, 1995 (20 CFR part 641).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

All interested individuals are invited to attend this Town Hall Meeting.

Persons wishing to make statements or presentations at the Town Hall Meetings should limit oral statements to 5 minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Written statements may also be submitted without presenting oral statements. Individuals may submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, Division of Older Worker Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N4644, Washington, DC 20210.

Attention: Mr. Erich W. ("Ric") Larisch. Minutes of all Town Hall Meetings and summaries of other documents will be available to the public on the SCSEP website <http://www.wdsc.org/owprog>. Any written comments on the minutes should be directed to Mr. Erich W. ("Ric") Larisch, as shown above.

Individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend the Atlanta Town Hall Meeting should contact Ms. Theresa Lambert of the National Association of State Units on Aging at (202) 898-2578, (this is not a toll-free number) if special accommodations are needed.

Signed at Washington DC, this 17 day of January, 2001.

Raymond L. Bramucci,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10571, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Keystone Brokerage, Inc. (Keystone)

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Federal Register Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1)

The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. _____, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5638, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 1 (1996), transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file with the Department for a complete statement of the facts and representations.

Keystone Brokerage, Inc. (Keystone), et al. Located in Williamsport, PA

[Application No. D-10571]

Proposed Exemption

Based on the facts and representations set forth in the application, the Department is considering granting an exemption under the authority of section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990).¹

Section I. Covered Transactions

If the exemption is granted, the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code shall not apply, effective October 3, 1997 through June 30, 2000, to the purchase or redemption of shares, by a self-directed individual retirement account (the IRA), of investment portfolios (the Portfolios) of certain mutual funds that were affiliated with Keystone (the Affiliated Funds) or in other mutual funds that were unaffiliated with Keystone (the Third Party Funds),² in connection with the IRA's participation in the KeyPremier Nautilus Series Program, or its successor, the Nautilus Series Program, (together, the Investment Advisory Program).

In addition, the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(E) and (F) of the Code, shall not apply, effective October 3, 1997 through June 30, 2000, to (1) the provision, by Keystone, of asset allocation and related services to an independent fiduciary of an IRA (the Independent Fiduciary), which resulted in the selection of Portfolios in the Investment Advisory Program by the Independent Fiduciary for the investment of IRA assets; and (2) the receipt of fees by Martindale Andres & Co., Inc. (Martindale) and Governor Group Advisors, Inc. (GGA), affiliates of Keystone, in connection with provision of investment advisory or sub-advisory services to the Fund Portfolios.

This proposed exemption is subject to the conditions set forth below in Section II.

¹ This proposed exemption applies to IRAs described in section 408(a) of the Code. Pursuant to 29 CFR 2510.3-2(d), the IRAs are not "employee benefit plans" covered under Title I of the Act. However, the IRAs are subject to jurisdiction pursuant to section 4975 of the Code.

² The Affiliated Funds and the Third Party Funds are collectively referred to herein as the Funds.