

through site visits and/or project reporting.

Participant Experience

The goal of these cooperative agreements is the provision of services to enhance beneficiary awareness and understanding of SSA work incentives and thereby enhance a beneficiaries' ability to make informed choices regarding work. The goal is not to provide employment services however, employment is ultimately the key for many beneficiaries with disabilities in terms of gaining greater self-sufficiency.

Projects shall submit periodic reports to SSA, OAG. Data and information that are used in preparing the reports can be used, for example, to improve the efficiency of the project's operations, use of staff, and linkages between the project and the programs for which work incentives planning is needed to better meet the needs of target populations. In addition, the evaluation results will be disseminated to other projects to promote learning, program refinements, and facilitate partnership and achievement of project objectives. Timely comprehensive MI data also allows for cost accounting, which helps improve the efficiency of service approaches and may inform future policy decisions.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains reporting requirements. The information is collected by the Grants.gov Apply facility. However, in rare circumstances, the information may be collected using form SSA-96-BK, Federal Assistance Application, which has the Office of Management and Budget clearance number 0960-0184.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Program: Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program Pre-Application Seminars Program Announcement No. SSA-OESP-06-1

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

DATES: May and June 2006.

Locations: The seminars will be held at locations in the following ten (10) cities: Richmond, Virginia; Sacramento, California; Boise, Idaho; Helena, Montana; Austin, Texas; Mobile,

Alabama; Des Moines, Iowa; Lansing, Michigan; Albany, New York; and Hartford, Connecticut.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: Informational pre-application seminars open to potential applicants for the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program (currently the Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach (BPAO) Program).

Purpose: SSA will hold informational pre-application seminars throughout the nation to solicit interest and encourage community-based organizations to apply for cooperative agreement awards. All interested applicants are invited to attend.

Section 1149(d) of the Social Security Act (as added by Section 121 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) of 1999, Pub. L. 106-170) required SSA to establish community based benefits planning and assistance in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands. As authorized by TWWIIA, SSA established a program, called the Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach (BPAO) program. Under this program, cooperative agreements (monetary awards) were granted to community-based organizations, called BPAO Projects, to provide all of SSA's beneficiaries with disabilities access to work incentives planning and assistance services. Section 407 of the Social Security Protection Act (Pub. L. 108-203) extended the authorization of this program through Fiscal Year 2009.

SSA released a nationwide, competitive Request for Applications in May 2006 to announce funding availability for new cooperative agreements awards and to change the name of the BPAO program to the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program, effective September 30, 2006.

The schedule (including date, time and address of each pre-application seminar location as it becomes available) will be posted at the following Internet site: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work/WIPARFA.html>.

Agenda: SSA will use the seminars to provide guidance and technical assistance to interested parties as they prepare to submit their applications. The agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work> one week before commencement of the seminars. The agenda can also be requested electronically or by fax upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Notice of Meeting; Sunshine Act

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 0602).

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m. CDT, May 18, 2006, Hopkinsville-Christian County Conference and Convention Center, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Old Business

Approval of minutes of March 31, 2006, Board Meeting.

New Business

1. Bylaws of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
2. Tennessee Valley Authority Board Committees.
3. Grant of easement to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the Advanced Transportation Technology Institute.
4. Moratorium on further land actions.
5. Delegations of authority to TVA management to handle specified land actions.
6. Report of the Interim Audit Committee.

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