

Benefit Plans With an Emphasis on Small Business Concerns and on Soft Dollar/Commission Recapture. In addition, the Council will be updated on activities of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before September 7, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 7, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 7.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 4th day of August, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group Studying Employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans: Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held on September 16, 1997 of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group studying Employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. until

approximately 5:00 p.m. in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, is for Working Group members to conclude taking testimony on the topic of employer assets in ERISA employer-sponsored plans. The group is especially interested in seeking testimony from organizations or persons in favor of limiting employer securities as significant plan assets of defined contribution plans.

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### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group on Studying the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Benefit Plans; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29

U.S.C. 1142, the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group established to Study the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Benefit Plans With an Emphasis on Small Business Concerns will hold a public meeting on September 16, 1997 in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. until approximately noon, is for Working Group members to conclude taking testimony on its issue, particularly as to the formation of defined benefit plans for small businesses. The chair also plans to devote the remainder of the session to a discussion of the work group's conclusions to prepare a draft of its report and recommendations to the Secretary of Labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before September 7, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group on Studying the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Contribution Plans With an Emphasis on Small Business Concerns should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 7, at the address indicated in this notice.

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