

PERFORMS, that allow for an exchange of information between the Federal and State partners to enhance the ability of the program to reflect the joint commitment to continuous improvement and client centered services.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Business Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meetings and Agenda

The regular Fall meetings of the Business Research Advisory Council and its committees will be held on October 27 and 28, 1999. All of the meetings will be held in the Conference Center of the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC.

The Business Research Advisory Council and its committees advise the Bureau of Labor Statistics with respect to technical matters associated with the Bureau's programs. Membership consists of technical officials from American business and industry.

The schedule and agenda for the meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, October 27, 1999—Meeting Rooms 9 and 10

10:00-11:30 a.m.—Committee on Employment Projections

1. Status report on 1998-2008 Projections
2. Major program plans for FY 2000
3. A new approach to evaluating the Office of Employment Projections
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2000 meeting

1:00-2:30 p.m.—Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions

1. Update on Stock Options Phase 1 test results and Phase 2 plans
2. Discussion of Stock Options
3. Planning for the Spring 2000 meeting: Was today's meeting format successful? Should we do this again?

3:00-4:30 p.m.—Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics

1. Consumer Expenditures Survey (CES):
 - a. Impact of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) implementation on CES
 - b. Discussion of time series breaks
2. Current Population Survey (CPS):
 - a. Impact of new race/ethnic, industry and occupation classifications on CPS
 - b. Discussion of time series breaks
3. Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS):

- a. Discussion of definitions of job openings, hires, and separations, and availability of these data
 - b. Discussion of upcoming Response Analysis Survey
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2000 meeting

Thursday, October 28, 1999—Meeting Rooms 9 and 10

8:30-10:00 a.m.—Committee on Productivity and Foreign Labor Statistics

1. Activities of the Division of International Technical Cooperation
2. Report on the new set of measures of unit labor costs
3. Report on comparisons of international labor force measures
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2000 meeting

10:30 a.m.—Council Meeting

1. Chairperson's opening remarks
2. Commissioner's address and discussion
3. BLS data collection issues

1:30-3:00 p.m.—Committee on Price Indexes

1. Consumer Price Index
 - a. Quality adjustment and new goods
 - b. Report on CPI research series
2. International Prices: proposed program improvements
3. Producer Price Index
 - a. Effects of the PPI of deregulation in the utilities industries
 - b. Efforts to minimize new product bias in the PPI
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2000 meeting

1:30-3:00 p.m.—Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (Concurrent Session, Meeting Room 8)

1. Review of the worker demographic and circumstances data from the 1997 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illness
2. Review of the 1998 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries results
3. Presentation of data on fatal injuries and non-fatal injuries and illnesses to workers aged 17 and under
4. Discussion of the impact of OSHA recordkeeping changes on the BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
5. Status of Fiscal Year 2000 Budget for the BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics program
6. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2000 meeting

The meeting are open to the public. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend these meetings as observers should contact Tracy A. Jack, Liaison, Business Research Advisory Council, at (202) 606-5869, for appropriate accommodations.

Signed at Washington, D.C. the 29th day of September 1999.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. W-100]

Proposed Policy Statement Concerning the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Use of Voluntary Employer Safety and Health Self-Audits

Authority: Sec. 8(a) and 8(b), Pub. L. 91-596, 84 Stat. 1599 (29 U.S.C. 657).

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, USDOL.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy statement; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is issuing a proposed policy statement describing the agency's treatment of voluntary employer self-audits that assess workplace safety and health conditions, including compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The proposed policy statement provides that the agency will not routinely request self-audit reports at the initiation of an inspection. Where a voluntary self-audit identifies a hazardous condition and the employer promptly takes self-audit reports at the initiation of an inspection. Where a voluntary self-audit identifies a hazardous condition and the employer promptly takes appropriate corrective measures, OSHA will treat the audit report as evidence of good faith, and not as evidence of a willful violation. OSHA requests public comment regarding its proposed policy statement.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send two copies of your comments to: OSHA Docket Office, Docket W-100, Room N-2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, Telephone: 202-693-2350. Comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may be faxed to the Docket Office at the following FAX number: 202-693-1648. However, the original and one copy must be mailed to the Docket Office within two days. Electronic comments may also be submitted electronically through the OSHA Internet site at URL, <http://www.osha-slc.gov/e-comments/e-comments-self-audit.html>. Please be aware that information such as studies, journal articles, and so forth cannot be attached to the electronic response and must be submitted in quadruplicate to