

15. *Question:* Will my state be able to use UC and ES administrative grants to amortize Reed Act purchases made with my state's share of the \$8 billion distribution?

Answer: Yes. Amortization relates to the permissible use of UC and ES administrative grants; this area is not addressed by the TEUCA. See UIPLs 39-97 and UIPL 39-97, Change 1, for guidance on when amortization is permissible.

16. *Question:* Is OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments, applicable to the \$8 billion distribution or any other Reed Act distribution?

Answer: No. OMB Circular A-87 applies only to federal grants and cooperative agreements and Reed Act funds are neither. Use of Reed Act funds for administrative activities is governed by Section 903(c)(2), SSA, which limits use to administration of the state's UC law and/or public employment offices under the conditions specified in that section. However, since Reed Act moneys may not pay costs for non-UI/non-ES programs, in cases where an activity (such as purchasing a multi-agency computer) benefits other activities, it will still be necessary to ensure that non-UI/non-ES costs are not paid from Reed Act funds. In these cases, states must allocate costs. Although states will not be required to submit cost allocation plans in such cases, in the event any plan is reviewed by the Department, cost allocation requirements applicable to grants will be applied to the plan.

17. *Question:* May I withdraw some or all of the \$8 billion Reed Act distribution and use it to set up an administrative fund at the state level that would earn interest that could be used for administrative expenses?

Answer: No. Withdrawing amounts to create an investment fund at the state level is inconsistent with the limitations on the use of Reed Act moneys. That is, the Reed Act moneys would not be used for the payment of compensation or the administration of the state's UC law or system of public employment offices. Instead, the money would be withdrawn for purposes of investment. See page 12 of Attachment I to UIPL 39-97.

18. *Question:* If my state uses the \$8 billion Reed Act distribution to pay for benefits, may the amounts so used be restored so that the state can use them for administrative payments?

Answer: No. The restoration provisions of the SSA are limited to "amounts transferred to the account of a State pursuant to subsections (a) and (b)" of Section 903, SSA. (Emphasis added; Section 903(c)(3)(A)(i), SSA.)

The \$8 billion Reed Act distribution was not transferred to states under these two subsections; instead it was transferred under subsection (d) of Section 903, as added by the TEUCA.

19. *Question:* May the interest earned on the Reed Act balances be used for UC and ES administration?

Answer: No. The amount of any Reed Act distribution is limited to the actual dollar amount transferred to the states. Therefore, interest earnings are not available for administrative purposes.

\$100 Million Distributions Made in 1999-2001

20. *Question:* Do the amendments affect the use of the capped \$100 million Reed Act distributions that were made in October of 1999, 2000, and 2001?

Answer: No. Although the TEUCA amendments repealed those provisions of Section 903, SSA, addressing these capped distributions, it also contained a savings clause providing that "[a]ny amounts transferred before the date of enactment of this Act * * * shall remain subject to section 903 of the Social Security Act, as last in effect before such date of enactment." (Section 209(a)(2), TEUCA.) Since all these capped distributions were transferred prior to the TEUCA's enactment, their use continues to be restricted to UC administration, and no appropriation by the state legislature is required. Although there is some indication in the legislative history that Congress intended to repeal this use limitation and reimpose the appropriation requirement, the plain language of the law produces the opposite result.

State Reed Act Laws

21. *Question:* Is the Department providing draft appropriation language?

Answer: Two alternative versions of draft language were provided in Attachment II of UIPL 39-97. Both of these may be used without change, except as noted in the following paragraph. Also, Alternative II may be modified to delete the provision required by Section 2 of that alternative, which pertains to the 2-year limitation on obligations since, as explained above, the 2-year limitation does not apply to the \$8 billion distribution.

Care should be taken in crafting state appropriation bills to assure the source of the Reed Act moneys is clear. There should be no doubt about whether the moneys used derive from traditional Reed Act distributions (those made in the 1950's and in October of 1998); the \$100 million distributions made in October of 1999, 2000, and 2001; and the \$8 billion Reed Act distribution. The

state may indicate that it is using its share of the \$8 billion by specifically referencing Section 903(d), SSA, in the appropriation bill or referencing the specific date on which the transfer was made to the state (March 13, 2002).

Without this information, the Department will be unable to determine if the appropriation is consistent with the applicable use requirements.

22. *Question:* Will the states need to change their permanent Reed Act provisions?

Answer: This will need to be determined by each state. Some states may restrict the use of Reed Act funds for administration purposes to amounts transferred under Section 903(c), SSA. Since the \$8 billion transfer was made under Section 903(d), SSA, states may need to make this change. The Department is evaluating whether draft language should be provided in this area.

Reporting Requirements

23. *Question:* What are the reporting instructions for the Reed Act money?

Answer: States are required to report all Reed Act transactions on the ETA 8403. The report is required each month a transaction occurs (e.g., deposits to the state account, withdrawals from the account, enactment of state appropriations). These reports are not required if there is no Reed Act activity. See ETA Handbook 401. The Department expects to have these transactions reported on-line through the Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) soon, and states will receive additional instructions at that time.

Reed Act reporting instructions for the ETA 2112 are unchanged. (See ETA Handbook 401, 3rd Edition, May 2000.)

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Research Advisory Council: Notice of Meetings and Agenda

The Spring meetings of committees of the Labor Research Advisory Council will be held on June 3, 4, and 5, 2002. All of the meetings will be held in the Conference Center, of the Postal Square Building (PSB), 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC.

The Labor 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

union research directors and staff members. The schedule and agenda of the meetings are as follows:

Monday, June 3, 2002

9:30 a.m.—*Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics—Meeting Room 9*

1. Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) conversion plans.
2. BLS research into establishment wage differentials (using Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) data).
3. Current Population Survey (CPS) topics:
 - a. Issues in converting to new standards for race and ethnicity.
 - b. Overview of May 2001 Supplement results related to work at home, shift work, overtime, and work preferences.
4. Topics for the next meeting.

1:30 p.m.—*Committee on Productivity, Technology and Growth—Meeting Room 9*

1. The impact of alternative measures of nonproduction and supervisory worker hours on productivity growth.
2. Status report on likely new measures for service sector industries.
3. Productivity growth in manufacturing industries characterized by “high tech” workers.
4. Highlights of the BLS 2000–2010 projections.
5. Topics for the next meeting.

Committee on Foreign Labor Statistics Meeting Room 9

1. Results from updated comparative labor force series.
2. Topics for the next meeting.

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

9:30 a.m.—*Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions—Meeting Room 9*

1. Recent issues concerning retirement plans.
2. Overview of the Employment Cost Index.
3. Calculation of hours in the Employment Cost Index.
4. Topics for next meeting.

1:30 p.m.—*Committee on Prices and Living Conditions—Meeting Room 9*

1. Update on program developments.
 - a. Consumer Price Index.
 - b. International Price Indexes.
 - c. Producer Price Indexes.
2. Topics for the next meeting.

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

1:00 p.m.—*Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics—Meeting Room 9*

1. 2000 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses-Industry Incidence Rates and Number of Cases.
2. 2000 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses-Worker Demographics and Case Circumstances.
3. Survey of Respirator Use and Practices.
4. Status Reports on:
 - a. 2001 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.
 - b. 2002 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.
5. Injury and Illness Follow-back Surveys.
6. Injuries and Illnesses involving restricted activity only.
7. Budget status.
8. Topics for the next meeting.

The meetings are open to the public. Persons planning to attend these meetings as observers may want to contact Wilhelmina Abner on 202–691–5970.

Signed at Washington, DC this 6th day of May, 2002.

Lois L. Orr,

Acting Commissioner.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice of Availability of Calendar Year 2003 Competitive Grant Funds

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Solicitation for Proposals for the Provision of Veterans Legal Services.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is the national organization charged with administering Federal funds provided for civil legal services to the poor.

LSC hereby announces the availability of competitive grant funds and is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality legal services to eligible veterans appearing before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals. The exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds and the date, terms and conditions of their availability for calendar year 2003 have not been determined.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for grants competition dates.

ADDRESSES: Legal Services Corporation—Veterans Grant Competition, Attn: Jennifer Bateman,

750 First Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002–4250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Program Performance, Veterans Grant Competition—by FAX at (202) 336–7272, by e-mail at batemanj@lsc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available beginning May 28, 2002.

LSC is seeking proposals from: (1) Non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients; (2) private attorneys; (3) groups of private attorneys or law firms; (4) State or local governments; and (5) substate regional planning and coordination agencies which are composed of substate areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

The RFP, containing the grant application, guidelines, proposal content requirements and specific selection criteria, can be requested by contacting Jennifer Bateman at 202.336.8835 or by email at batemanj@lsc.gov. LSC will not FAX the solicitation package to interested parties. The deadline for submission of the Grant Application is August 9, 2002 by 5:00 p.m. EDT.

Dated: May 9, 2002.

Michael A. Genz,

Director, Office of Program Performance.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Cancellation of Advisory Committee Meeting/Teleconference

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: April 30, 2002, FR Doc. 02–1525, on page 21281.

TIME AND DATE: 4 p.m. EST, May 8, 2002.

PLACE: National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC.

AGENCY: National Council on Disability (NCD).

STATUS: Meeting canceled.

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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MISSION: The purpose of NCD's Youth Advisory Committee is to provide input into NCD activities consistent with the values and