NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Sunshine Act Meetings

TYPE: Quarterly Meeting.

DATES AND TIMES:

January 19, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
January 20, 2010, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
January 21, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m.

LOCATION: JW Marriott Houston, 5150 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77056.

STATUS:

January 19, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.—OPEN.
January 20, 2010, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.—OPEN.
January 21, 2010, 8 a.m.–8:30 a.m.—CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.
January 21, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m.—OPEN.

AGENDA: Public Comment Sessions; Emergency Management; Housing; Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act, Workforce Infrastructure, International Development, National Summit on Disability Policy 2010, United States Marine Corps Research Project, Technology, Reports from the Chairperson and Council Members; Unfinished Business; New Business; Announcements; Adjournment.

SUNSHINE ACT MEETING CONTACT: Mark S. Quigley, Director of External Affairs, NCD, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202–272–2004 (voice), 202–272–2074 (TTY), 202–272–2022 (fax).

AGENCY MISSION: National Council on Disability (NCD) is an independent federal agency, composed of 15 members appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the U.S. Senate.

The purpose of the NCD is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, and that empower individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

To carry out this mandate we gather public and stakeholder input, including that received at our public meetings held around the country; review and evaluate Federal programs and legislation; and provide the President, Congress and Federal agencies with advice and recommendations.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Those needing reasonable accommodations should notify NCD immediately.

Dated: November 18, 2009.

Michael C. Collins,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Mediation Board (NMB).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Administration, invites comments on the submission for OMB review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995 and 5 CFR 1320). This notice announces that the NMB has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of one (1) information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments within 30 days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to June D.W. King, Director, Office of Administration, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street, NW., Suite 250 East, Washington, DC 20005 or should be e-mailed to *king@nmb.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Office of Administration, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: November 23, 2009.

June D.W. King,

Director, Office of Administration, National Mediation Board.

Application for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Airline Carriers, Railroads, and Union Officials.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: Estimate about 45 annually.

Burden Hours: 9.

Abstract: The Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 151 a. General Purposes, provides that the purposes of the Act are (1) to avoid any interruption to commerce or to the operation of any carrier engaged therein. * * * (4) to provide for the prompt and orderly settlement of all disputes concerning rates of pay, rules, or working conditions, and (5) to provide for the prompt and orderly settlement of all disputes growing out of grievances or out of the interpretation or application of agreements concerning rates of pay, rules, or working conditions.

In fulfilling its role to administer the Act, the National Mediation Board offers the parties to disputes mediation and arbitration services. On a voluntary basis, training programs in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and facilitation services are also available. These ADR programs are designed to enhance the bargaining and grievance handling skill level of the disputants and to assist the parties in the resolution of disputes. The impact of these ADR programs is that mediation and arbitration can be avoided entirely or the scope and number of issues brought to mediation or arbitration is significantly reduced.

This collection is necessary to confirm the voluntary participation of the parties in the ADR process. The information provided by the parties is used by the NMB to schedule the parties for ADR training and facilitation. Based on a recent survey of those who participated in the NMB's ADR Programs, 94.6% said they were satisfied with the ADR Programs and said they recommend the program for all negotiators. Collecting the brief information on the Application for ADR Services form allows the parties to voluntarily engage the services of the NMB in the orderly settlement of all disputes and fulfill the purposes of the Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Daniel Rainey, Director, Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution Services, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street, NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20005 or addressed to the e-mail address *rainey@nmb.gov* or faxed to 202–692–5083. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.