

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**[Docket No. SSA-2010-0066]****Proposed Recommendation to the Social Security Administration for Occupational Information System (OIS) Development Planning; Request for Comment****AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.**ACTION:** Notice; Request for Comment.

SUMMARY: We need information about work that exists throughout the nation to determine whether claimants' impairments prevent them from doing not only their past work, but any other work in the U.S. economy. To that end, we are developing a long term strategy to obtain current and suitable occupational information critical for disability evaluation. In 2008, we established the Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel (Panel) to provide independent advice and recommendations on plans and activities to create an occupational information system tailored specifically for our disability programs and adjudicative needs. The Panel is soliciting comments on a recommendation it intends to make to us.

DATES: To be sure that your comments are considered, we must receive them no later than November 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—Internet, fax or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA-2010-0066, so that we may associate your comments with the correct activity. Caution: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as a Social Security number or medical information.

1. *Internet:* We strongly recommend this method for submitting your comments. Visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Use the Search function of the webpage to find docket number SSA-2010-0066, and then submit your comments. Once you submit your comments, the system will issue you a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comments immediately as we must manually post each comment. It may take up to a week for your comments to be viewable.

2. *Fax:* Fax comments to (410) 597-0825.

3. *Mail:* Address your comments to the Office of Program Development and Research, Occupational Information Development Project, Social Security Administration, 3-E-26 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Comments are available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by appointment with the contact person identified below.

The Panel is soliciting comments on its Proposed Recommendation to the Social Security Administration for Occupational Information System Development Planning. The comment period is open through November 8, 2010.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Anyone requiring further information should contact the Panel staff at: Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, 3-E-26 Operations, Baltimore, MD 21235-0001. *Fax:* 202-410-597-0825. *E-mail to* OIDAP@ssa.gov. For additional information, please visit the Panel Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov/oidap>.

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Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel

Proposed Recommendation to the Social Security Administration for Occupational Information System (OIS) Development Planning

In keeping with its charge to provide independent advice and guidance on plans and activities to replace the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles* (DOT) in disability adjudicative decisions and the development of a new OIS that will help the Social Security Administration (SSA) meet its burden of proof, is forensically defensible, reflects all work nationally and links residual functional capacity to the requirements of work, the Panel strongly recommends that SSA:

1. Take the immediate step to develop an overarching project plan and timeline that specifies SSA's needs and objectives with regard to occupational information;

2. Develop a fully articulated research plan and associated processes that provide for the coordination of necessary scientific research and allows for the incorporation of findings and results, as appropriate;

3. Prepare and make available to the Panel the overall project plan, including the attendant research plans, for advice and recommendation before further

developmental activities for the OIS proceed; and,

4. Make public the aforementioned project and research plans, thus delineating how SSA plans to proceed in its efforts to develop said OIS.

The project plan should include scientific and programmatic justification for SSA's efforts going forth, as well as identification of the criteria that will ultimately be utilized to assess the performance of any new OIS system.

To fulfill the requirements of the aforementioned project plan, SSA must also develop and make public a scientifically sound research plan that addresses the needs delineated by the project plan and that will guide the entire OIS developmental process. To meet users' needs, maintain stakeholder confidence, and ensure legal defensibility, it is critical that all intended research protocols be developed with oversight by internal scientists well-versed in research methods along with programmatic specialists and be reviewed by the Panel prior to data collection.

Examples of issues that should be addressed by the recommended research plan include (but are not limited to) how to develop a content model that is legally defensible and possesses strong evidence of validity to determine the appropriate sampling methodologies for pilot testing of all instruments; how to develop a job analysis tool that will be utilized for collecting occupational information (including appropriate scales, methods of data collection, sources of data, etc.), and so on. The Panel recognizes that any plan that is developed will be necessarily dynamic as new information and data may inform future steps. However, this does not negate the need for a published plan that is scrutinized for scientific rigor and adequacy.

In conclusion, the Panel wishes to emphasize that to achieve the goal of a legally defensible OIS, rigorous scientific methods must be utilized. The original recommendations, and associated subcommittee reports, identified numerous empirical studies that should be conducted as part of the process of developing a new OIS. The Agency should examine these recommendations and identify the proposed studies that meet the requirements of good science and SSA's disability program law and regulations for coordination into the project and research plans going forth. In addition, SSA should coordinate existing efforts that meet the requirements of good science and SSA disability program law

and regulations, into the project and research plans going forth.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7168]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday November 12, 2010, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the eighty-eighth Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from November 24 to December 3, 2010.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
- Decisions of other IMO bodies, including the 2010 STCW Conference
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Goal-based new ship construction standards
- LRIT-related matters
- Ship design and equipment
- Radiocommunications and search and rescue
- Fire protection
- Flag State implementation
- Safety of navigation
- Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers
- Training and watchkeeping
- Technical assistance sub-programme in maritime safety and security
- Capacity-building for the implementation of new measures
- Role of the human element
- Formal safety assessment
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- General cargo ship safety
- Implementation of instruments and related matters
- Relations with other organizations
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- Work programme
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2011

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity

of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Jason Smith, by e-mail at jason.e.smith2@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1376, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG-52), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126 not later than Friday November 5th 2010, 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after November 5th might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/imo>.

Dated: October 13, 2010.

Jon Trent Warner,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

North American Free Trade Agreement; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on the Chapter 19 Roster

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Invitation for applications.

SUMMARY: Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty ("AD/CVD") proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a NAFTA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the Chapter 19 roster. Applications are invited from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012.

DATES: Applications should be received no later than November 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number

USTR-2010-0030, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Garner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Binational Panel Reviews Under NAFTA Chapter 19

Article 1904 of the NAFTA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD proceeding may obtain review by a binational panel of a final AD/CVD determination of one NAFTA Party with respect to the products of another NAFTA Party. Binational panels decide whether such AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing NAFTA Party, and must use the standard of review that would have been applied by a domestic court of the importing NAFTA Party. A panel may uphold the AD/CVD determination, or may remand it to the national administering authority for action not inconsistent with the panel's decision. Panel decisions may be reviewed in specific circumstances by a three-member extraordinary challenge committee, selected from a separate roster composed of fifteen current or former judges.

Article 1903 of the NAFTA provides that a NAFTA Party may refer an amendment to the AD/CVD statutes of another NAFTA Party to a binational panel for a declaratory opinion as to whether the amendment is inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ("GATT"), the GATT Antidumping or Subsidies Codes, successor agreements, or the object and purpose of the NAFTA with regard to the establishment of fair and predictable conditions for the liberalization of trade. If the panel finds that the amendment is inconsistent, the two NAFTA Parties shall consult and seek to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution.

Chapter 19 Roster and Composition of Binational Panels

Annex 1901.2 of the NAFTA provides for the maintenance of a roster of at least 75 individuals for service on Chapter 19 binational panels, with each NAFTA Party selecting at least 25 individuals. A separate five-person panel is formed for each review of a final AD/CVD determination or statutory amendment. To form a panel, the two NAFTA Parties involved each appoint two panelists, normally by drawing upon individuals from the roster. If the Parties cannot agree upon the fifth panelist, one of the Parties, decided by lot, selects the fifth panelist from the roster. The majority of