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During the public comment period, the Consent Decree Modification, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. A copy of the Second Consent Decree Modification may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or emailing a request to "Consent Decree Copy" (*EECDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov*), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-5271. If requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$4.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if requesting by email or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the address given above.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on February 6, 2012, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Dell Services, Plano, TX; Keller ISD, Keller, TX; Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore,

MD; Measured Progress, Dover, NH; Minnesota Department of Education, Division of Research and Assessment, Roseville, MN; Orange County School District, Orlando, FL; Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Office of Instruction, Assessment, and Curriculum, Providence, RI; State of New Hampshire, Office of Curriculum and Assessment, Concord, NH; and Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, UT, have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Wimba, New York, NY, and Giunti Labs, Atlanta, GA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc. intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 7, 2000, IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 13, 2000 (65 FR 55283).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 28, 2011. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 21, 2011 (76 FR 79217).

Patricia A. Brink,
Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

[OJP (OJP) Docket No. 1582]

Hearing of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: This is an announcement of the third hearing of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence (the "task force"). The task force is chartered to provide OJP, a component of the Department of Justice, with valuable advice in the areas of children exposed to violence for the purpose of

addressing the epidemic levels of exposure to violence faced by our nation's children. Based on the testimony at four public hearings; comprehensive research; and extensive input from experts, advocates, and impacted families and communities nationwide, the task force will issue a final report to the Attorney General presenting its findings and comprehensive policy recommendations in the fall of 2012.

DATES: The hearing will take place on Monday, March 19, 2012, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 20, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will take place in the multi-purpose room at the University of Miami Newman Alumni Center, 6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, Florida, 33146.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Will Bronson, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Deputy Associate Administrator, Child Protection Division, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, 810 7th Street NW., Washington, DC 20531. Phone: (202) 305-2427 [note: this is not a toll-free number]; email: *willie.bronson@usdoj.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This hearing is being convened to brief the task force members about the issue of children's exposure to violence. The final agenda is subject to adjustment, but it is anticipated that on March 19, there will be two hours of public testimony. On March 20, there will be a morning and afternoon session, with a break for lunch. The morning session will likely include welcoming remarks, introductions, and panel presentations from invited guests on the impact of children's exposure to violence. The afternoon session will likely include a working meeting of the task force. On the morning of March 21, there will be a facilitated roundtable discussion with task force members and invited guests, followed by a break for lunch. The afternoon session will likely be devoted to a working meeting of task force members.

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend this meeting must provide photo identification upon entering the hearing facility. Access to the meeting will not be allowed without identification. Public testimony must be provided in person and will be limited to five (5) minutes per witness. Those wishing to provide public testimony during the hearing should register with Will Bronson at *defendingchildhoodtaskforce*

@nccdcrc.org at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. Registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis. Testimony will not be allowed without prior registration. Please bring photo identification and allow extra time prior to the meeting for your arrival.

Anyone requiring special accommodations should notify Mr. Bronson at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Written Comments: The Department strongly encourages interested parties and organizations to submit written comments and testimony for review by the task force by April 24, 2012, to Will Bronson, Designated Federal Official for the task force, at defendingchildhoodtaskforce@nccdcrc.org. The task force expects that any public statements presented by individuals/organizations during the public comment portion of the hearing will not repeat previously submitted statements.

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Associate Administrator, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Child Protection Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Labor Certification Process for the Temporary Employment of Aliens in Agriculture in the United States: 2012 Allowable Charges for Agricultural Workers' Meals and Travel Subsistence Reimbursement, Including Lodging

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice and clarification of policy.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (Department) is issuing this Notice to announce the allowable charges for 2012 that employers seeking H-2A workers may charge their workers when the employer provides three meals a day, and the maximum meal reimbursement which a worker with receipts may claim. The Department is also providing clarification on the issue of overnight lodging costs as part of required subsistence, where necessary.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This notice is effective March 2, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William L. Carlson, Ph.D., Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC), U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-4312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: 202-693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States (U.S.) Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security will not approve an employer's petition for the admission of H-2A nonimmigrant temporary agricultural workers in the U.S. unless the petitioner has received from the Department an H-2A labor certification. The H-2A labor certification provides that: (1) There are not sufficient U.S. workers who are able, willing, and qualified, and who will be available at the time and place needed to perform the labor or services involved in the petition; and (2) the employment of the foreign worker(s) in such labor or services will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the U.S. similarly employed. 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 1184(c)(1), and 1188(a); 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5) and (6).

Allowable Meal Charge

Among the minimum benefits and working conditions which the Department requires employers to offer their U.S. and H-2A workers are three meals a day or free and convenient cooking and kitchen facilities. 20 CFR 655.122(g). Where the employer provides the meals, the job offer must state the charge, if any, to the worker for such meals.

The Department provides, at 20 CFR 655.173(a), the methodology for determining the maximum amounts that H-2A agricultural employers may charge their U.S. and foreign workers for providing them with three meals per day. This methodology provides for annual adjustments of the previous year's maximum allowable charge based upon updated Consumer Price Index (CPI) data. The maximum charge allowed by 20 CFR 655.122(g) is adjusted by the same percentage as the 12 month percent change in the CPI for all Urban Consumers for Food (CPI-U for Food). The OFLC Certifying Officer may also permit an employer to charge workers a higher amount for providing them with three meals a day, if the higher amount is justified and sufficiently documented by the employer, as set forth in 20 CFR 655.173(b).

The Department has determined the percentage change between December of 2010 and December of 2011 for the CPI-U for Food was 3.7 percent.

Accordingly, the maximum allowable charge under 20 CFR 655.122(g) shall be no more than \$11.13 per day, unless the OFLC Certifying Officer approves a higher charge as authorized under 20 CFR 655.173(b).

Reimbursement for Daily Travel Subsistence

The regulations at 20 CFR 655.122(h) establish that the minimum daily travel subsistence expense, for which a worker is entitled to reimbursement, is equivalent to the employer's daily charge for three meals or, if the employer makes no charge, the amount permitted under 20 CFR 655.122(g).

The maximum meals component of the daily travel subsistence expense is based upon the standard minimum Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate as stated by the General Services Administration (GSA) at 41 CFR part 301, appendix A. The CONUS meal component remains \$46.00 per day. Workers who qualify for travel reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement for meals up to the CONUS meal rate when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of reimbursement for meals for less than a full day, the employer may provide for meal expense reimbursement, with receipts, to 75 percent of the maximum reimbursement for meals of \$34.50, as provided for in the GSA per diem schedule. If a worker has no receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at 20 CFR 655.122(g) as specified above.

The Department also wishes to restate its policy on lodging during travel to and from the worksite. An employer is responsible for providing, paying in advance, or reimbursing a worker for the reasonable costs of transportation and daily subsistence between the employer's worksite and the place from which the worker comes to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, and upon the worker completing the contract, return costs. In those instances where a worker must travel to obtain a visa so that the worker may enter the U.S. to come to work for the employer, the employer must pay for the transportation and daily subsistence costs of that part of the travel as well. The Department has traditionally interpreted the regulation to require the employer to assume responsibility for the reasonable costs associated with the worker's travel, including transportation, food, and, in those instances where it is necessary, lodging. If not provided by the employer, the amount an employer must pay for