local workforce entities would receive funding and technical assistance from ETA in order to better serve disability beneficiaries, with a portion of Ticket funding reserved for rewarding strong performance and program innovation. States and localities would be allowed greater flexibility in tailoring services to fit local circumstances. The redesigned program would retain key features of the current program, such as benefits counseling and suspension of SSA medical Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs) while program participants pursue employment.3

In close coordination with SSA and ETA, DOL’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) will provide policy analysis and guidance to support the transfer and improvement of the program.

Request for Information

Through this RFI, we are soliciting feedback from interested and affected parties on the potential benefits and challenges in transferring the Ticket program to DOL and serving program participants through the public workforce systems, in order to enable them to increase employment and earnings and maximize self-sufficiency. We are also interested in evidence supporting or challenging the assumptions underlying this proposal. Responses to this RFI will inform decisions regarding the development, design, and implementation of the redesigned program. As such, responses supported by substantial evidence and careful reasoning will be afforded greatest weight. This RFI notice is for internal planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation on the part of DOL or any participating federal agencies.

We ask respondents to address the following questions in the context of the preceding discussion in this document. Respondents do not need to address every question and should focus on those that relate to their expertise or perspective. To the extent possible, please clearly indicate the question(s) addressed in your response. We ask that each respondent include the name and street address of his or her institution or affiliation, if any, and the name, title, street address, email address, and telephone number of a contact person for his or her institution or affiliation, if any.

Questions

Workforce System Capacity
1. How might state workforce systems use new Ticket program funding to increase capacity to effectively serve SSA disability beneficiaries, given that the number of SSA disability beneficiaries who will seek services in a particular locality is unknown?
2. How might state workforce systems integrate the provision of the Ticket program with other existing WIOA services? What opportunities and challenges will arise in doing so?
3. How could DOL’s ETA help prepare state workforce systems for a potentially significant increase in SSA disability beneficiaries seeking services?
4. What ongoing federal support would be most helpful to state workforce systems as they administer the Ticket program?
5. How could state workforce systems provide quality remote services, when necessary, to serve SSA disability beneficiaries regionally or nationwide?
6. What are key considerations in transferring SSA’s Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) services to state workforce agencies?
7. What specific program changes could improve experiences and outcomes for persons accessing the redesigned Ticket program services through the workforce system?
8. What is the capacity of the workforce system to effectively serve young adults or transition-age youth (i.e., ages 14–18) under a redesigned Ticket program? What capacity and coordination issues would arise in serving transition-age youth?
9. What lessons can be taken from current EN models (e.g., community-based, nonprofit, workforce ENs) or collaborative AJC program models that can inform the new Ticket program?
10. How can VR entities partner with state workforce systems to support SSA disability beneficiaries in the redesigned Ticket program?

Participant Experience and Outcomes
11. What payment structures and funding model(s) for outcomes-based payments (medium- and long-term) for employment services would be most effective and efficient?
12. Which of the WIOA performance indicators (if any) could serve as potential interim measures to trigger partial performance-based payments?
13. What are appropriate intervals (medium- and long-term) for performance-based payments?
14. How would workforce entities and DOL track and measure program success? Would workforce entities require access to new administrative data sources?

General
15. What challenges within the current Ticket program would potentially remain in a redesigned program administered by state workforce entities, and what could DOL do to address or mitigate them?
16. What strengths of the current Ticket program contribute to the success of individual Ticket holders, and how could these be preserved in the redesigned program?
17. Are there current or recent state examples of integrated systems that offer lessons for successful implementation of the redesigned Ticket program?
18. What are the implications of the current COVID–19 pandemic for redesigning the Ticket program at this time, such as employer demand, workforce system capacity, and remote services?
19. Are there additional considerations in transferring the Ticket program from SSA to DOL?

Signed at Washington, DC, this __th day of September, 2020.

Jennifer Sheehy,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office
[Docket No. 2020–9]

Sovereign Immunity Study: Notice and Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office is extending the deadline for the submission of reply comments and empirical research studies in response to the June 3 and June 24, 2020, notices regarding its state sovereign immunity policy study.

DATES: Written reply comments and empirical research studies in response

3 Medical CDRs are periodic reviews of an individual’s medical impairment(s) to determine continuing eligibility for SSI and/or SSDI.

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to the notices published June 3, 2020, at 85 FR 34252, and June 24, 2020, at 85 FR 37961, must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on October 22, 2020.

ADDRESS(es): For reasons of government efficiency, the Copyright Office is using the regulations.gov system for the submission and posting of public comments in this proceeding. All comments are therefore to be submitted electronically through regulations.gov. Specific instructions for submitting comments are available on the Copyright Office website at http://www.copyright.gov/docs/sovereignimmunitystudy. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible due to lack of access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the Office, using the contact information below, for special instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Amer, Deputy General Counsel, kamer@copyright.gov; Mark T. Gray, Attorney-Advisor, mgray@copyright.gov; or Jalynce M. Mangum, Attorney-Advisor, jmang@copyright.gov. They can be reached by telephone at 202–707–3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 3, 2020, the U.S. Copyright Office issued a notice of inquiry (“NOI”) commencing a policy study on state sovereign immunity from copyright infringement suits. Congress has requested that the Office “research this issue to determine whether there is sufficient basis for federal legislation abrogating State sovereign immunity when States infringe copyrights.” To assist Congress in making that assessment, the Office solicited public comment on several issues concerning the degree to which copyright owners face infringement from state actors today, whether such infringement is based on intentional or reckless conduct, and what remedies, if any, are available to copyright owners under state law.

On June 24, 2020, the Office issued an additional notice providing for a second round of written comments to permit interested parties the opportunity to address any comments submitted in response to the NOI and to allow parties engaged in empirical research to complete and submit their findings. To ensure that members of the public have sufficient time to comment, and to ensure that the Office has the benefit of a complete record, the Office is extending the deadline for the submission of additional comments and/or empirical research to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on October 22, 2020.


Regan A. Smith, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
[Notice: (20–078)]

NASA Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Meeting.

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Astrophysics Advisory Committee. This Committee reports to the Director, Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Monday, October 19, 2020, 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. KarShelia Henderson, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–2355 or khenderson@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be available to the public by WebEx.

On Monday, October 19, the event address for attendees is: https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8bb06c8a6b20d6158a15014539ff4fe5, the event number is 199 918 6105, and the event password is iXyzeN@783.

On Tuesday, October 20, the event address for attendees is: https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/onstage/g.php?MTID=e240214a7472e33624d36de46e1f4f5, the event number is 199 163 7113, and the event password is TsCp97Hd5.

On Wednesday, October 21, the event address for attendees is: https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/nasaenterprise/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3b793c4c1f20ff24be91839b7d1217, the event number is 199 599 3836, and the event password is bkSf3Unm$57.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

—Astrophysics Division Update

—Updates on Specific Astrophysics Missions

—Reports from the Program Analysis Groups

—Reports from Specific Research and Analysis Programs

The agenda will be posted on the Astrophysics Advisory Committee web page: https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/nac/science-advisory-committees/apac

The public may submit and upvote comments/questions ahead of the meeting through the website https://arc.cnf.io/sessions/h259/#!/dashboard that will be opened for input on October 5, 2020.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Patricia Rausch, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit issued.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–8030; email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 20, 2020, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of a permit application received. The permit was issued on September 23, 2020 to: