DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Data Users Advisory Committee;
Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Users Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. This meeting will be held virtually.

The Committee provides advice to the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the points of view of data users from various sectors of the U.S. economy, including the labor, business, research, academic, and government communities. The Committee advises on technical matters related to the collection, analysis, dissemination, and use of the Bureau’s statistics, on its published reports, and on the broader aspects of its overall mission and function.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:
12:00 p.m. Commissioner’s welcome and review of agency developments
12:30 p.m. Gaining input on automation and its impact on the workforce
1:30 p.m. Break
1:45 p.m. Measuring changes in retail trade
3:00 p.m. Using administrative data in the Import and Export Price Indexes
3:40 p.m. Discussion of future topics and concluding remarks
4:00 p.m. Conclusion

The meeting is open to the public. Anyone planning to attend the meeting should contact Lisa Fieldhouse, Data Users Advisory Committee, at fieldhouse.lisa@bls.gov. Any questions about the meeting should be addressed to Ms. Fieldhouse. Individuals who require special accommodations should contact Ms. Fieldhouse at least two days prior to the meeting date.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of October 2021.

Leslie Bennett,

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MILLENIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

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AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended, the Millennium Challenge Corporation is publishing a summary, justification, and full text of the proposed First Amendment to Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Kingdom of Morocco. Representatives of the United States Government and the Kingdom of Morocco plan to conclude the Amendment before the end of 2021.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 7708 (i) (2).

Dated: October 7, 2021.

Thomas G. Hohenthalier,
Acting VP/General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Summary of First Amendment to Millennium Challenge Compact With the Kingdom of Morocco

The Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) has approved an amendment (the “Amendment”) to the existing US $450,000,000, five-year Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through MCC, and the Kingdom of Morocco (the “Compact”).

Background

The Compact was signed on November 30, 2015 and entered into force on June 30, 2017. The Compact aims to contribute to economic growth and investment in Morocco through two projects supporting Moroccan government priorities: The Education and Training for Employability Project and the Land Productivity Project.

Scope of the Amendment

MCC proposes to extend the term of the Compact for an additional nine months until March 31, 2023, and to provide additional funding of up to $10,500,000. The term extension is necessary to mitigate implementation delays due to the COVID–19 pandemic and to complete Compact projects as originally contemplated. The proposed additional funding will be used to cover additional program administration and related oversight costs associated with extending the Compact’s term.

Justification for the Amendment

In March 2020, the Government of Morocco imposed an almost complete lockdown and border closure for three months after the first COVID–19 cases were identified in Morocco. The offices of the Government of Morocco’s accountable entity were closed from March to June 2020, limiting staff to telework. Construction works were halted for at least three months, as were all in-person activities such as public consultations, trainings, and other technical assistance activities. Travel restrictions and border closures disrupted global supply chains and access to necessary supplies and equipment. Although some restrictions were eased during the summer of 2020, renewed COVID–19 outbreaks during the fall and winter led to targeted lockdowns in several Moroccan cities. Lockdowns and restrictions have now been imposed intermittently for over a year, including a lengthy national curfew and a suspension of air travel with over 50 countries, including most of Europe. These restrictions have only recently eased.

Extending the Compact term will maximize long-term results and the return on investment by assuring the completion of most key activities and increasing the likelihood that the Government of Morocco will successfully adopt and implement the reform elements of the Compact and establish a more solid foundation for sustaining these reforms post-Compact. The additional MCC funding is necessary for and will be used to support oversight and other administrative functions during the additional nine months of the Compact term.

First Amendment to Millennium Challenge Compact Between the United States of America, Acting Through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Kingdom of Morocco

First Amendment to Millennium Challenge Compact

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO MILLENIUM CHALLENGE COMPACT (this “Amendment”), is made by and between the United States of America,