DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Information Advisory Council

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of virtual meetings April 21, 2022, and May 11, 2022.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC or Advisory Council) will meet for two days, virtually. Information for public attendance at the virtual meetings will be posted at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/wiac/meetings several days prior to each meeting date. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will take place April 21, and May 11, 2022. Each meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. EDT and conclude at approximately 2:00 p.m. EDT. Public statements and requests for special accommodations or to address the Advisory Council must be received by April 19, 2022, for the April 21, 2022, meeting, and by May 9, 2022, for the May 11, 2022, meeting.

ADDRESSES: Information for public attendance at the virtual meetings will be posted at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/wiac/meetings several days prior to each meeting date. If problems arise accessing the meetings, please contact Donald Haughton, Unit Chief in the Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at 202–693–2784.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Rietzke, Chief, Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C–4510, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: 202–693–3912; Email: WIAC@dol.gov. Mr. Rietzke is the WIAC Designated Federal Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: These meetings are being held pursuant to sec. 308 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113–128), which amends sec. 15 of the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933 (29 U.S.C. 491–2). The WIAC is an important component of the WIOA. The WIAC is a federal advisory committee of workforce and labor market information experts representing a broad range of national, State, and local data and information users and producers. The WIAC was established in accordance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. app.) and will act in accordance with the applicable provisions of FACA and its implementing regulation at 41 CFR 102–3. The purpose of the WIAC is to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Labor (Secretary), working jointly through the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, to address: (1) The evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information (WLMI) system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system; and (2) how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. These systems include programs to produce employment-related statistics and State and local workforce and labor market information.

The Department of Labor anticipates the WIAC will accomplish its objectives by: (1) Studying workforce and labor market information issues; (2) seeking and sharing information on innovative approaches, new technologies, and data to inform employment, skills training, and workforce and economic development decision making and policy; and (3) advising the Secretary on how the workforce and labor market information system can best support workforce development, planning, and program development. Additional information is available at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/wiac/meetings.

Purpose: The WIAC is currently in the process of identifying and reviewing issues and aspects of the WLMI system and statewide systems that comprise the nationwide system and how the Department and the States will cooperate in the management of those systems. As part of this process, the Advisory Council meets to gather information and to engage in deliberative and planning activities to facilitate the development and provision of its recommendations to the Secretary in a timely manner.

The purpose of the April meeting will be to conduct a review of the sub-committee recommendations. The first sub-committee, titled “Workers and Work,” studied the dynamics between people seeking work and employers looking for workers. The second sub-committee, titled “Data Sharing and Synchronization,” conducted research on the systems and processes needed to improve the availability of information, with a special focus on how data can help DOL participate in these efforts, especially as they relate to workforce and worker benefits.

The purpose of the May meeting is to have the WIAC vote on the recommendations from both sub-committees. After the vote, the WIAC will then turn its attention to future LMI topics for consideration by the WIAC.

Agenda: The agenda topics for the April 21, 2022 meeting are: (1) Review and approve minutes from the previous meeting, (2) review and discussion of the sub-committee recommendations, (3) comment period for the general public, and (4) other business as needed. The agenda topics for the May 11, 2022 meeting are: (1) Review and approve minutes from the previous meeting, (2) formal approval of the sub-committee recommendations by the full WIAC, (3) comment period for the general public, and (4) other business as needed. A detailed agenda will be available at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/wiac/meetings shortly before the meetings commence.

The Advisory Council will open the floor for public comment at approximately 1:30 p.m. EST on both meeting dates for approximately 15 minutes. However, that time may change at the WIAC chair’s discretion.

Attending the meetings: Members of the public who require reasonable accommodations to attend any of the meetings may submit requests for accommodations via email to the email address indicated in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section with the subject line “April–May 2022 WIAC Meeting Accommodations” by the date indicated in the DATES section. Please include a specific description of the accommodations requested and phone number or email address where you may be contacted if additional information is needed to meet your request.

Public statements: Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit written statements may do so by mailing them to the person and address indicated in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by the date indicated in the DATES section or transmitting them as email attachments in PDF format to the email address indicated in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section with the subject line “April–May 2022 WIAC Meeting Public Statements” by the date indicated in the DATES section. Submitters may include their name and contact information in a cover letter for mailed statements or in the body of the email for statements transmitted electronically. Relevant statements received before the date indicated in the DATES section will be included in the record of each meeting. No deletions, defacements, or redactions will be made to statements received, as they are public records. Please do not include
Expansion of Recognition

MET Laboratories, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET), as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 5, 2022.

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on April 5, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; telephone: (202) 693–2110; email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov. OSHA’s web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET), as a NRTL. MET’s expansion covers the addition of seventeen test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the Federal Register in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition. These pages are available from the agency’s website at http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined MET’s expansion application, the capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on the review of this evidence, OSHA finds that MET meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions listed below. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of MET’s scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to MET’s application, go to http://www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3633, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA–2006–0028 contains all materials in the record concerning MET’s recognition. Please note: Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public at this time but can be contacted at (202) 693–2350.

Table 1—List of Appropriate Test Standards for Inclusion in MET’s NRTL Scope of Recognition

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