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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Renewal of Charter of Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries announces the renewal of the charter of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*), the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (Joint Board) is providing notice of the renewal of the charter of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (Advisory Committee). The Public Interest Determination, approved by the Joint Board, is provided in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.65.

Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (Joint Board) Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations Public Interest Determination

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.60(a), to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.35, an agency shall follow the same consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee.

Information on the following factors for the committee is provided to the Secretariat to demonstrate that renewing the committee is in the public interest:

1. Annual budget: $37,394.00.

(*a*) *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* 0.1.

(*b*) *Other Federal internal costs:* $2,394.00.

(*c*) *Proposed payments to members:* N/A.

(*d*) *Proposed number of members:* Nine.

(*e*) *Reimbursable costs:* $35,000.

2. If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year: N/A.

3. Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership.

All committee members are appointed as Special Government Employees and selected primarily for their technical experience. The Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (Joint Board) attempts to ensure maximum practicable representation on the committee of most points of view extant in the enrolled actuary community. To that end, the Joint Board seeks to appoint members with expertise in one or more of the three main practice areas: small single employer plans, large single employer plans, and multiemployer plans.

To the extent possible, the Joint Board selects several members from each of these practice areas. Membership balance is not static and may change depending on the work of the committee. To attain balanced membership, the Joint Board limits the number of members employed by any one firm or affiliated with any one actuarial organization. In addition, to the extent possible, the Joint Board seeks geographic representation of members.

4. List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency: N/A.

5. Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory Committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source.

The Joint Board is the only federal agency responsible for writing actuarial examinations and setting other criteria to determine actuaries' qualifications for enrollment under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Thus, the functions the committee performs cannot be obtained from other sources within the government. Moreover, the committee's functions cannot be performed effectively by members of the Joint Board. The Joint Board consists of five federal government employees, three from the Department of the Treasury and two from the Department of Labor. In addition, a non-voting representative from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is appointed to the Board. Each Joint Board member serves on the Joint Board in addition to substantial responsibilities in the member's home department. The committee supplies a breadth of current practice experience across small single-employer, large single-employer, and multiemployer plans that is not available from the five-member Joint Board alone. The Joint Board has not identified a more cost-effective or less burdensome source that would provide equivalent breadth, independence, continuity, and balanced review. Obtaining equivalent advice through contractors or a single professional organization would create additional cost or administrative burden and would not provide the same multi-practice, collective review. Committee members receive no compensation, although authorized travel and related expenses may be reimbursed. The Joint Board retains all final decision-making authority.

6. If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue.

Each year, the committee develops and recommends the three examinations and two examination program booklets that are used in the Joint Board's examination program. In addition, the committee reviews the examination results and recommends a passing score for each of the three examinations given in that year. The committee also assists the Joint Board with special projects including developing blueprints for the examinations and identifying any changes needed in the examination program structure to reflect changes in the law and regulations and evolving trends in the practice of enrolled actuaries. The Joint Board could not fulfill its mandate under section 3042 of ERISA to maintain standards and qualifications for enrolled actuaries without the technical expertise and assistance of the committee.

7. Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business.

Section 3042 of ERISA establishes the framework for enrolling actuaries who are authorized to perform actuarial services required under ERISA for private pension plans. The provision directs the Joint Board to establish standards and qualifications for enrollment, ensuring that only individuals with the necessary technical expertise and professional competence may certify actuarial valuations, funding calculations, and other required pension analyses. The Joint Board administers three examinations each year pursuant to its mandate under ERISA. The Joint Board strives to ensure that its examinations are fair and reflect current developments in pension law and actuarial mathematics and methodology. The committee, which consists of members representing a broad range of expertise and experience, helps the Joint Board ensure that those examinations remain legally current, actuarially sound, appropriately rigorous, and relevant to actual pension actuarial practice. Such recommendations and input are necessary to enable the Joint Board to perform its mandate and enrollment function under ERISA. Enrolled actuaries play a vital role in protecting the financial soundness of defined benefit pension plans and the interests of plan participants. Enrolled actuaries help determine whether pension plans are adequately funded, calculate employers' required contributions, and assess the long-term ability of plans to meet promised retirement benefits. By requiring qualified enrolled actuaries to perform these functions, ERISA promotes accurate financial reporting, regulatory compliance, and greater confidence that retirement benefits will be available when participants become entitled to them.

In conclusion, this public interest determination documents that renewing the committee is in the public interest, essential to the conduct of agency business, and that the information to be obtained is not already available through another advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

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Chet Andrzejewski,

Chairman, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Disability Employment Policy

[OMB Control No. 1230–0NEW]

Proposed Information Collection; NEON Provider Organization

AGENCY: Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), United States Department of Labor (DOL).

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request helps to ensure that: requested data can be provided in the desired format; reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized; collection instruments are clearly understood; and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor, (ODEP) is soliciting comments on the information collection for the NEON Provider Organization Survey.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before November 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to *https://www.regulations.gov* will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number or confidential business information.
- If your comment includes confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

Written/Paper Submissions: Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Mail or visit DOL–ODEP, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S–1303, Washington, DC 20210.
- ODEP will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at *https://www.regulations.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Davis, Office of Disability Employment Policy, ODEP, at *Davis.Richard.A@dol.gov* (email); or (202) 693–1000x16932 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) established the National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network (NEON) initiative, which, among other activities, assists National Provider Organizations (NPOs) and their affiliated Local Provider Organizations (LPOs) in advancing competitive integrated employment. Technical assistance supports NPOs and LPOs to build capacity to offer more options for competitive integrated employment job placements and explore new strategies to effectively increase job placement outcomes. ODEP has requested an increased focus on measuring performance outcomes for participating providers and states, and therefore NEON developed this semi-annual data collection survey for LPOs receiving support. This survey fulfills the three key purposes of (1) demonstrating impact by measuring the nationwide impact of NEON for ODEP and its federal partners and stakeholders; (2) prioritizing outcomes by establishing real-world outcomes as the primary indicator of success for employment providers; and (3) building capacity by helping partner organizations better manage, track, and measure their performance data.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

ODEP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to the NEON Provider Organization Survey. ODEP is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of ODEP's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses.

Documents related to this information collection request are available at *https://regulations.gov*. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in