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Labor Department Solicits Nominations for 2005 ERISA Advisory Council

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor is soliciting nominations to fill five three-year vacancies on the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, known as the ERISA Advisory Council. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Oct. 1, 2004.

Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the bipartisan council consists of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Labor to represent specified groups and fields that are involved in employee benefits. The council meets four times a year and makes recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Labor regarding functions carried out under ERISA.

Nominations are being accepted for one vacancy in each of the following groups or fields:

- ?? Employers;
- ?? Employee organizations (representing an organization whose members participate in a multi-employer plan);
- ?? Insurance profession;
- ?? Accounting profession;
- ?? General public (representing persons receiving benefits from a private-sector plan).

Interested persons or organizations may nominate qualified persons for membership. Recommendations must be submitted by letter, resolution or petition and signed by the person or, in the case of a nomination by an organization, by the group's representative making the recommendation. The nomination should briefly describe the candidate's qualifications, the group or field the candidate is being nominated for, the candidate's political party affiliation and availability to serve. This information is requested because ERISA mandates that no more than eight members of the council may represent one political party.

Nominations should be submitted to Debra Golding, ERISA Advisory Council, Room N-5656, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20210.

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