

the language/resource of choice among widely-divergent users that range from the Social Security Administration to the Defense Intelligence Agency and from America's Job Bank to the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Creating a common ground of understanding on which public and private workforce initiatives can work together, O\*NET becomes a communication link to help integrate learning, training and work. It serves to emphasize the reality that no one effort, public or private, can capture all aspects or target all the dimensions involved in the changing workplace. Government's participation helps insure objectivity and fairness in data collection, but government alone cannot build the extensive occupational information network today's economy demands. Working with the private sector, O\*NET will provide the foundation upon which others can build as they assist career counseling, employment and job-training activities.

Offering O\*NET products now is a way to encourage the combined and extended efforts needed to reach full O\*NET development. Enhancements made by entities obtaining O\*NET 98 Beta and O\*NET 98 are expected to produce value-added products that will, for example: (1) Develop resumes, job orders, and descriptions of personnel positions; (2) streamline and improve the accuracy of vocational counseling; (3) fine-tune assessment measures to benchmark worker skills and requirements; (4) evaluate and forecast human resource requirements; (5) restructure organizational and staff development; (6) benchmark performance appraisals; (7) align educational and job training curricula with current workplace content; (8) create skills-match profiles; (9) explore career options that capitalize on prior experience; (10) make better informed job placement decisions; and (11) reduce recruitment costs of workers at all levels.

O\*NET Products will be distributed through ETA's grantees developing O\*NET. Specific information on the distribution centers will be available in the near future. O\*NET Beta will be made available to software developers who can develop value-added products that will expand O\*NET's immediate usability. Those who participate in this phase of O\*NET development will be considered a responsible part of the O\*NET effort to achieve a fully operational, solidly researched and user-responsive tool that enhances the employment potential of all Americans.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 11th day of August 1997.

**Raymond J. Uhalde,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health: Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH); Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announces a meeting of the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH). OSHA invites all interested persons to attend. The Secretary of Labor established MACOSH to advise the Assistant Secretary for OSHA on appropriate actions to protect workers from the hazards in the maritime industries.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are Wednesday, September 10, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 11, from 9:00 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m. Submit comments, requests for oral presentations, and requests for special disability accommodations by August 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Best Western, Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 (703-734-2800). Mail comments and requests for oral presentations to Theda Kenney, U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, MACOSH, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Liberatore, Director, Office of Maritime Standards, OSHA (202-219-7234 ext. 141). For special disability accommodations, contact Theda Kenney (phone: 202-219-8061 ext. 100; FAX: 202-219-7477).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Meeting Agenda.* At this meeting, MACOSH will continue its discussion on maritime enforcement initiatives, standards development, and outreach projects related to the maritime industries. MACOSH plans an extensive discussion of longshoring outreach,

maritime training, and safety and health programs. OSHA will provide an update on Agency programs.

*Public Participation.* Interested persons may file written comments, data, views or statements for consideration by MACOSH by submitting them to Theda Kenney. Interested persons may also request to make an oral presentation by providing Mrs. Kenney with a summary of the proposed presentation, an estimate of the time desired, and a statement of the interest that the person represents. The Chair may allow presentations at his discretion and as time permits.

**Authority.** The following laws authorize OSHA to issue this notice: Sections 6(b)(1) and 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 666), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of August 1997.

**Greg Watchman,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### List of Applicants for 1998 Competitive Grant Funds

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Announcement of Qualified Applicants.

**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) hereby announces the name of the organizations who have qualified to compete for 1998 competitive grant funds pursuant to the Corporation's announcement of funding availability on April 24, 1997 (62 FR 20038).

**ADDRESS:** Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street N.E., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002-4250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merceria Ludgood, Deputy Director, Office of Program Operations, (202) 336-8865.

Service area	Applicant name
AL-3 .....	Legal Services of Metro Birmingham, Inc.
AZ-1 .....	Pinal & Gila Counties Legal Aid Society.
NAZ-1 ...	Pinal & Gila Counties Legal Aid Society.
AR-3 .....	Western Arkansas Legal Services, Inc.
CA-9 .....	Legal Services Program for Pasadena and San Gabriel-Pomona Valley.