

REPORT THREE

**Recommendation for Consideration by the Secretary
of Labor on the Federal Buildings Personnel
Training Act of 2010**

Prepared by the
Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health
(FACOSH)

On June 7, 2011, FACOSH approved the recommendation in this report and adopted the report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the fall of 2010, the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH) tasked its Training Subcommittee with assessing the Occupational Safety and Health training needs of Federal workers. In December 2010, the Federal Buildings Personnel Training (FBPT) Act was passed to ensure that core competencies and appropriate training are identified for personnel responsible for the design, function, operation, and maintenance of Federal buildings. This Act directs the General Services Administration (GSA) to work with relevant groups in identifying these core competencies; as well as courses, certifications, and other means of demonstrating competence. These core competencies include safety, energy management, and building design. Under this Act, GSA must also develop or identify comprehensive continuing education courses for personnel in an effort to ensure operation of Federal buildings in accordance with industry best practices and standards. This law represents an ideal opportunity for Federal safety and health experts to bring their knowledge to this effort to ensure that environmental, health and safety training is integrated at all levels of building operation – from the basic design to its continual functioning.

ISSUE

The FBPT Act recognizes the need to identify core competencies and training for personnel responsible for the design and function of Federal buildings. This law presents an opportunity for Federal agency safety and health experts to be involved in this effort.

RECOMMENDATION

The Secretary of Labor should direct OSHA, in coordination with NIOSH, to identify and convene a panel of Federal agency personnel with expertise in the areas related to building operations, maintenance, safety, and design. This panel of experts will work with GSA on identifying the core competencies, appropriate training, and continuing education as described in the Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010.

APPENDIX A

The following list contains the names of FA COSH members, technical experts, and OSHA staff who actively participated on the Training Subcommittee during its analysis of the qualifications for the GS-D018, Safety and Occupational Health Management Job Series.

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