

W-32,310A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 22, 1995 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 13th day of September 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

*Acting Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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### **Job Training Partnership Act: Native American Employment and Training Council; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, and section 401(h)(1) of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), as amended [29 U.S.C. 1671(h)(1)], notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Native American Employment and Training Council.

**Time and Date:** The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on October 17, 1996, and continue until close of business that day; and will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on October 18, 1996, and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. that day. Time will be reserved for participation and presentations by members of the public from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 17, 1996.

**Place:** Room S-4215, A, B, and C, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to the public. Persons with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact the undersigned no less than 10 days before the meeting.

**Matters to be Considered:** The agenda will focus on the following topics: Legislative Update, Welfare Reform, Partnership Plan, Regulations, Evaluation, Technical Assistance and Training Status, Automated Reporting System Update, Electronic Communication, Closeout, and Other Grant Problems.

**Contact Person For More Information:** Thomas M. Dowd, Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-4641, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-8502 (this is not a toll-free number).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of September, 1996.

Paul A. Mayrand,

*Director, Office of Special Targeted Programs.*

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### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program 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 Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Benzene Standard 29 CFR 1910.1028. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before December 2, 1996. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection technique or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 96-12, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution

Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Vivian Allen at (202) 219-8076.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Benzene standard and its information collection is designed to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to benzene. The standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to benzene, to monitor employee health and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of injuries.

##### **II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Benzene Standard. Extension is necessary to provide continued protection to employees from the health hazards associated with occupational exposure to benzene.

**Type of Review:** Extension.

**Agency:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**Title:** Benzene.

**OMB Number:** 1218-0129.

**Agency Number:** Docket Number ICR 96-12.

**Affected Public:** Business and other for-profit, Federal and State government, Local or Tribal governments.

**Total Respondents:** 13,441.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Total Responses:** 275,863.

**Average Time per Response:** Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 4 hours to complete a referral medical examination.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 139,367.

**Estimated Capital, Operation/Maintenance Burden Cost:** \$7,895,301. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 23, 1996.

John F. Martonik,

*Deputy Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.*

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TYPE:** Quarterly Meeting.

**AGENCY:** National Council on Disability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 522b(e)(1) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, (Pub. L. 94-409).

**DATES:** November 18-20, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Hyatt Regency Phoenix, At Civic Plaza, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona; 602-252-1234.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F. Street NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004-1107; (202) 272-2004 (Voice), (202) 272-2074 (TT), (202) 272-2022 (Fax); mquigley@ncd.gov (e-mail).

**AGENCY MISSION:** The National Council on Disability is an independent Federal agency comprised of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Those needing interpreters or other accommodations should notify the National Council on Disability prior to this meeting.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS:** People with environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances in order to attend this meeting. In order to reduce such exposure, we ask that you not wear perfumes or scents at the meeting. We also ask that you smoke only in designated areas and the privacy of your room. Smoking is prohibited in the meeting room and surrounding area.

**OPEN MEETING:** This quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability shall be open to the public.

**AGENDA:** The proposed agenda includes:

Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director  
Committee Meeting and Committee Reports  
Strategic Planning  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Announcements  
Adjournment

Records shall be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and shall be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 27, 1996.

Ethel D. Briggs,

*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Process for Reconsideration of Declined General Applications for Federal Assistance

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Arts.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Arts has been restructured. The Notices of Process for Reconsideration of Declined General Applications published on January 14, 1992 and March 29, 1993, are amended herein to reflect the agency's new structure, including new office and division names.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen K. Christensen, General Counsel (202) 682-5418, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20506.

#### 1. Purpose

The processes by which the National Endowment for the Arts (the "Endowment") offers financial and technical assistance have been designed to result in supporting projects of artistic excellence and merit. The Endowment relies on discipline review and advisory panel review of grant applications to assure that projects are of substantial artistic and cultural significance. Panel recommendations are subsequently reviewed by the National Council on the Arts, which provides advice to the Endowment's chairperson who then decides whether to approve the applications recommended by the Council.

This Circular modifies the procedure for reconsideration of applications for

financial and technical assistance which have been declined by the National Endowment for the Arts based on negative recommendations of the advisory panel. This procedure does not include reconsideration of grant amounts once a grant is awarded. This process does not apply to applications recommended by the advisory panel but rejected by the Council or Chairperson. Reconsideration of such applications is had at the discretion of the Chairperson only. These revisions are being made in light of a major restructuring of the Endowment and its grant making process. The provisions of this Circular, which updates and amends the earlier Circulars on this subject, dated December 16, 1992 and March 29, 1983, do not apply to procurement governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulations. These provisions will apply to all requests for reconsideration filed after October 1, 1996.

#### 2. Policy

(a) Statement. Award of financial and technical assistance is discretionary. Discipline and panel recommendations are made using criteria described in the Endowment guidelines. Criteria that involve subjective, qualitative judgments are not subject to reconsideration. Notwithstanding this fact, a Project Director, Authorizing Official, or individual whose application has been declined (hereafter referred to as "applicant") may obtain an explanation of the declination from the appropriate Endowment Discipline Director (hereafter referred to as "Director"). Following receipt of the explanation, if the applicant believes that the declination was based on one or more of the following Grounds for Reconsideration, reconsideration may be obtained under the procedure outlined in Section 3, below.

(b) Ground(s) for Reconsideration. Reconsideration of application declinations is available solely for one or more of the following three reasons relating to procedural impropriety or error:

(i) Discipline reviewers or advisory panel considered criteria other than those appearing in the relevant guidelines.

(ii) Individual(s) with conflict of interest served as a discipline reviewer or on the advisory panel.

(iii) Information relevant to the deliberations was provided by staff, reviewers, panelists, or others, but not including the applicant, which was inaccurate or incomplete, despite the fact that the applicant provided the Endowment staff with accurate and