

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of Factory Mutual Research Corporation (FMRC) for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of this application.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties must be received no later than June 15, 1999.

ADDRESS: Send comments concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Notice of Application**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that Factory Mutual Research Corporation (FMRC) has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). FMRC's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards. OSHA recognizes an organization as an NRTL, and processes applications related to such recognitions, following requirements in section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Appendix A to this section requires that OSHA publish this public notice of the preliminary finding on an application.

FMRC's previous application as an NRTL covered its renewal of recognition as an NRTL (60 FR 16167, 3/29/95), which OSHA granted on August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42590).

The current addresses of the testing facilities (sites) that OSHA recognizes for FMRC are:

Factory Mutual Research Corporation,
1151 Boston-Providence Turnpike,
Norwood, Massachusetts 02062
Factory Mutual Research Corporation,
743 Reynolds Road, West Gloucester,
Rhode Island 02814

General Background on the Application

FMRC submitted a request, dated October 8, 1998 (see Exhibit 7A), to expand its recognition as an NRTL to include four (4) additional test standards. Then it submitted a request, dated November 18, 1998 (see Exhibit

7B), to expand its recognition for one more test standard. FMRC seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance to the following 5 test standards, and OSHA has determined the standards are appropriate, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7(c). OSHA recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to products for which OSHA standards require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace.

ANSI/UL 1950 Information
Technology Equipment Including
Electrical Business Equipment
FMRC 2000 Automatic Sprinklers for
Fire Protection
FMRC 2008 Early Suppression-Fast
Response (ESFR) Automatic
Sprinklers
FMRC 3260 Flame Radiation Detectors
for Automatic Fire Alarm Signaling
FMRC 3900 Less or nonflammable
Liquid-Insulated Transformers

The designations and titles of the above test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

FMRC has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of FMRC's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program assessment staff reviewed information pertinent to the request and, in a memo dated February 10, 1999 (see Exhibit 8), recommended that FMRC's recognition be expanded to include the additional test standards listed above.

Following a review of the application file, the assessor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant, to the FMRC facilities listed above, the expansion of recognition to use the additional 5 test standards. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendation of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that the Factory Mutual Research Corporation facilities listed above can meet the recognition requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether FMRC has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should

consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see "ADDRESS"), no later than the last date for comments (see "DATES" above). You may obtain or review copies of FMRC's requests, the memo on the recommendation, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-3-93, the permanent record of public information on FMRC's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments, and after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant FMRC's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 26th day of March, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

Working Group Studying Issues Surrounding the Trend in the Defined Benefit Plan Market With a Focus on Employer-Sponsored Hybrid Plans Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6, 1999, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to study issues surrounding trends in the defined benefit market with a focus on employer-sponsored hybrid plans.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon in Room N-3437 A-C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, is for working group members to take testimony on the subject.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before April 30, 1999, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by April 30, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals also may submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before April 30.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of April 1999.

Richard McGahey,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of April, 1999.

Richard McGahey,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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Signed at Washington, DC on this 12th day of April 1999.

Richard McGahey,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on the Benefit Implications Due to the Growth of a Contingent Workforce Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Group assigned by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study what the benefit implications are due to the growth of a contingent workforce will hold an open public meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 1999, in Room N-3437 A-C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for Working Group members to continue taking testimony on the subject.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group Exploring the Possibility of Using Surplus Pension Assets To Secure Retiree Health Benefits Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Wednesday, May 5, 1999, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to explore the possibility of using surplus pension assets to secure retiree health benefits.

The session will take place in Room N-3437 A-C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., is for working group members to continue taking testimony on the subject.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice of Availability of Calendar Year 2000 Competitive Grant Funds

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Solicitation for proposals for the provision of civil legal services.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) is the national organization charged with administering federal funds provided for civil legal services to the poor.

The Corporation hereby announces the availability of competitive grant funds and is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the states and territories by service area(s) identified below. The exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds and the date, terms and conditions of their availability for calendar year 2000 have not been determined.

DATES: See Supplementary Information section for grants competition dates.

ADDRESS: Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, 750 First Street NE.,