

July 9, 1999 at the Town and Country Resort and Hotel.

ADDRESSES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council will meet at the Town and Country Resort and Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 291-7131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugenia Laychak, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 654-4214. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFRED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFRED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFRED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. BDAC provides a forum to

help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFRED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Kirk Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Announcement of the Sixth Meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the sixth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The sixth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place beginning on Sunday, July 25, 1999, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time and will continue on Monday, July 26, 1999, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting will take place at the Ritz-Carlton, 15 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02117, Phone: 617-536-5700.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to Section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA, Executive Director (202) 616-8123.

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets

Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) The use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of International Labor Affairs

International Child Labor Program; Solicitation for Grant Application: Develop and Publicize Factual Information About Child Labor, Its Use and Solutions to the Problem of Child Labor Worldwide

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) International Child Labor Program.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this SGA is to award grants to one or more private, nonprofit organizations for the purpose of developing and publicizing factual information about the use of child labor, creating innovative partnerships to address child labor, and organizing a public dialogue about best-practice

solutions to the problem of child labor worldwide. The grant or grants will be administered by the International Child Labor Program (ICLP) of the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB).

DATES: The closing date for receipt of a completed application in response to the SGA will be no later than 4:45 p.m. on July 15, 1999.

FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION SEND WRITTEN REQUEST TO: Lisa Harvey, Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Room N-5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, Telephone Number (202) 219-9335.

Signed at Washington, DC this 8th day of June, 1999.

Lawrence J. Kuss,
Grant Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Unemployment Insurance Benefit Accuracy Measurement Program

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 (44 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. This notice by the Employment and Training Administration is to solicit comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of the Unemployment Insurance Benefit Accuracy Measurement program data (OMB control number 1205-0245) now authorized through 9/30/99. A copy of the proposed changes to the information collection Handbook (ETA Handbook 395) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Grace A. Kilbane, Director, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210, 202-219-7831, ext. 167 (this is not a toll-free number); FAX, 202-219-8506; Internet: <gkilbane@doleta.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Coyne, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4522, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210, 202-219-5223, ext. 142 (this is not a toll-free number); FAX, 202-219-8506; Internet: <wcoyne@doleta.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Since 1987, all State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) except in the U.S. Virgin Islands have been required by regulation at 20 CFR Part 602 to operate Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) programs to assess the accuracy of their Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefit payments. The Department's statutory authority for those regulations is found at Sections 303(a)(1), 303(a)(6), and 303(b) of the Social Security Act. The BAM programs operate as follows: each State draws a weekly sample of payments made for intrastate claims made in the State UI, Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees, and Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members programs. States are required to draw minimum annual samples. The ten States with the smallest claims loads must draw at least 360 payments; all other States must draw at least 480, although several voluntarily draw longer samples. In calendar years 1998, annual samples averaged slightly over 500 cases per State, and ranged from 360 to 1730. A specially trained staff of State investigators reviews agency records and contacts the claimant, employers, and third parties to verify all the information pertinent to the benefit amount for the sampled week. Although contacts originally had to be made in person, since July 1993, investigators have been able to use a mix of in-person, mail, and telephone/fax contacts to verify information. Using the verified information, they determined what the benefit payment should have been to accord fully with State law and policy. Any differences between the actual and reconstructed payment are underpayment or overpayment errors. States code the results of each case

investigated to a database on a computer provided by the Department of Labor. Data on each case include the type and causes of, and parties responsible for, any error, and a variety of demographic, labor market, and UI program information considered critical to developing program improvements and useful to the States and the Department for other analytical purposes. The States and the Department of Labor use BAM information to estimate the extent of mispayments, to monitor program quality, guide possible future program improvements, inform system stakeholders, and perform various policy analyses. Because of the extent of the BAM data record and its representatives of the population of payments, the Department uses the data extensively to produce information on State program operations (e.g., how many claims are filed electronically, how many claimants receive eligibility reviews) and characteristics of the claimant population. It is an invaluable resource for producing measures such as the percent of wages which UI benefits replace for those actually receiving a benefit. The program costs approximately \$22 million each year to operate.

The typical investigation requires about 7.5 hours per case and in total the allocated 23,760 cases are estimated to impose a paperwork burden of 75,319 hours. The program is operated under OMB control number 1205-0245; approval under this number expires 9/30/99.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary 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 techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.