

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****What Will Happen on September 1, 1997?**

On September 1, 1997, the Service will begin using the Integrated Card Production System (ICPS) at the INS service centers to produce the new Permanent Resident Card, known as the Alien Registration Receipt Card (ARC). The Service will stop producing the ARCs at the Immigration Card Facility on September 30, 1997.

**What Are the Benefits of Using ICPS Technology at the INS Service Centers?**

Using ICPS technology at the INS service centers will allow the Service to:

- (1) Mass produce the ARCs at a faster rate;
- (2) Produce a more secure credit card type identity card by using the latest security features available (i.e., biometrics);
- (3) Eliminate the extra step of sending the Application for Alien Registration Receipt Card, Form I-90, from each of the service centers to the Immigration Card Facility;
- (4) Reduce the possibility of all of the ICPS machines being disabled at the same time; and
- (5) Enhance its ability to be more responsive to inquiries from applicants, their representatives, and benefit-granting agencies.

**Will the ARC Produced by the ICPS Look Different Than the Current ARC and, if so, Will Employers and Public Agencies be Informed of This Change?**

The ARC will have a different appearance than the current ARC. INS will inform employers and public agencies of the change by initiating a public information campaign in August 1997.

**Will There Be a Change in the Filing Procedures to Apply for a New ARC?**

No. You should continue to follow the instructions on the Form I-90, Application to replace Alien Registration Receipt Card, when filing for renewal or replacement of an ARC.

**Will My Current ARC Remain Valid?**

Yes. New ARCs will be issued using ICPS technology, but the validity of current Form I-551 ARCs is unaffected by this change. They will remain valid until the expiration date on the card.

**How Will My ARC be Delivered?**

The cards will continue to be mailed and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

Dated: August 11, 1997.

**Doris Meissner,**

*Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

August 14, 1997.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to OMalley-theresa@dol.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for Employment and Training Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in this **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Overpayment Detection/Recovery Activities.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0173 (extension).

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,120.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* The Secretary of Labor has interpreted applicable sections of Federal law to require States to have reasonable provisions in their State unemployment insurance laws that concern the prevention, detection and recovery of benefit overpayments caused by willful misrepresentation of errors by claimants or others. This report provides an accounting of the types and amounts of such overpayments and serves as a useful management tool for monitoring overall unemployment insurance program integrity.

**Theresa M. O'Malley,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Notice of Release of Transitional O\*NET Products**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) announces the release of preliminary O\*NET (Occupational Information Network) products in progressive stages. By doing so, DOL/ETA plans to accelerate the development of O\*NET through new phases of applied research, as well as respond to the broad public anticipation of O\*NET availability.

There are four O\*NET product packages that DOL/ETA will release during progressive stages of O\*NET development. The incremental availability of O\*NET products will offer varying degrees of opportunities to become familiar with the structure, content and potential usefulness of O\*NET. It will also give DOL/ETA the lead time needed to coordinate the

technical support for helping first-time users fully explore the preliminary O\*NET products.

The purpose of this notice is to announce what O\*NET products are being readied for public access, when the products are scheduled for release, and how they may be obtained. It will also serve to clarify that these products and preliminary ones representing on-going research. By inviting users to preview their potential applications, DOL/ETA proposes to expand the applied research stage into "proving ground" demonstration areas and feedback.

**DATES: O\*NET Products to be Released.**  
(1) September 1997—O\*NET 98 Beta.

During September 1997, O\*NET 98 Beta will be made available to interested software developers. O\*NET 98 Beta will be a core database accessed by a prototype "viewer" developed as a first example application. The core database will contain analyst-derived data on specific parts of the O\*NET Content Model, the theoretical framework for describing the 1,100+ O\*NET occupations developed from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) classification system. Software developers interested in developing other examples that will enhance O\*NET usability, and who need to have O\*NET in a timely fashion to meet their already established production schedules, can work with O\*NET 98 Beta. In addition, users with technical interests will be able to obtain a second product—the core database and the Data Dictionary (Beta Version) that gives the definition, description and location of each element, or variable, within the O\*NET database. For those developers needing multiple copies of that Data Dictionary, the Dictionary will be made available separately.

(2) December 1997—O\*NET 98 (Version 1.0). As part of JETT\*CON 97, the ETA conference scheduled for December 1997, O\*NET 98 will be introduced and made available to the general public. This product will be a core database accessed by a refined version of the "viewer" that includes two enhancements over the earlier Beta version. One of the O\*NET 98 enhancements will be the functioning of Occupational Profiles that offer "snapshots" of O\*NET occupations. Another enhancement in O\*NET 98 will include assessment tools developed to link aspects of a person's self-directed career exploration to O\*NET occupational data.

As with O\*NET 98 Beta, this version will also offer a second product. Users with technical interests will be able to obtain the O\*NET 98 Database (Version 1.0) with the analyst-derived data on

specific parts of the O\*NET Content Model (the theoretical framework for describing the 1,100+ O\*NET occupations developed from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) classification system). This Database (Version 1.0) will be accompanied by the Data Dictionary (Version 1.0) that gives the definition, description and location of each element, or variable, within the O\*NET database. For those users needing multiple copies of the Data Dictionary, the Dictionary will be made available separately.

(3) Winter 1997–1998—O\*NET Products found on the Internet by accessing America's Job Bank (AJB). The O\*NET framework of descriptors is already being used by America's Job Bank as the structure by which companies define their job positions to be posted. In the near future, anyone using the Internet will be able to access selected products of O\*NET through AJB. The AJB links to O\*NET will include Occupational Profiles, "snapshots" of O\*NET occupations that give a quick look at their most important aspects and requirements. Coinciding with the introduction of O\*NET 98 at JETT\*CON 97, some O\*NET self-assessment tests offering computerized score reports will also become linked with AJB. Anyone accessing AJB on the Internet will be able to use this O\*NET Public Version product package once the full linkages are established.

(4) Year 2000—O\*NET 2000. By the year 2000, the results from completing the first cycle of the O\*NET full system will be released. O\*NET 2000 will be a new, extended database offering linkages to cover all occupations and variables in the O\*NET Content Model. The occupations identified and defined in O\*NET 2000 will be derived from the proposed new Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system that is scheduled to be formally adopted across the entire government. Procedures for obtaining O\*NET 2000 will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice and on the O\*NET Home Page.

**ADDRESSES:** To acquire O\*NET 98 Beta, software developers should contact: Barbara Smith, Utah Occupational Analysis Field Center, Department of Workforce Services, 140 E. 300 South, 3rd Floor, PO Box 45249, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0249; FAX 801-536-7420; e-mail [\\_eslmid.utonet@email.state.ut.us](mailto:_eslmid.utonet@email.state.ut.us) (these are not toll-free numbers).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donna Dye ETA Office of Policy and Research MS N5637, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone 202-219-7161; FAX 202-

219-9186; E-mail [O\\*NET@doleta.gov](mailto:O*NET@doleta.gov) (these are not toll-free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** O\*NET is part of DOL/ETA's comprehensive workforce development strategy to build and display critical information for job seekers and employers in a user-friendly manner. Along with America's Job Bank and America's Talent Bank, O\*NET is designed to serve as an occupational/labor market information resource for public and private sector use and development. Authority for pursuing this research is granted in Section 7D of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended by the Jobs Training Partnership Act.

As the automated replacement for the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT), O\*NET will be the nation's primary source of occupational information. In 1993, an Advisory Panel, appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, recognized that change in the "dictionary" approach that defined DOT since 1938 was needed. In its Final Report recommending changes to be made, the Panel stressed that "Today's students, educators, trainers, counselors and workers need information that fosters the effective integration of technology, skills and new workplace structures."

O\*NET responds to those needs. It is a long-range project to develop a database and a system for collecting, classifying and disseminating current information about the requirements and characteristics of occupations and workers. It provides a new approach and database structure for looking at work from two perspectives: What people need and what the job requires.

Technology provides the means by which O\*NET's potential will be realized. Computers make O\*NET possible through an extensive, electronic data transfer network. Their use is unforgiving, however, in that computers demand a definitive, precise, and widely-accepted common language of skills-related terms to perform the information exchange. O\*NET's common language, the definitions/concepts for describing worker attributes and workplace requirements, has been extensively researched and systematically developed. The rapid acceptance of the O\*NET conceptual framework, or Content Model, among varied user groups confirms that its terms can be easily accepted and adopted. For example, O\*NET descriptions have already emerged as

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.