

complete forms, request field office assistance.

Contact a third party (i.e., someone other than the individual's representative) if one has been identified, about assisting the individual at the same time the adjudicator contacts the individual.

If an individual age 65 or older did not attend a CE, the adjudicator must:

- Contact the individual to determine why he or she did not attend the CE.
- Make at least two attempts at different times on different days to contact the individual by telephone. (A busy signal does not constitute an attempt.)
- Send the claimant a call-in letter if telephone contact is not possible or successful.
- Contact a third party, if one has been identified, about assisting the claimant at the same time contact is attempted with the claimant.
- When contact is made with the individual or the third party, explain that the CE is for evaluation purposes only, and that no treatment will be required.
- Reschedule the CE if the individual had a good reason for not attending the prior CE (e.g., he or she had transportation problems or was out of the country at the time of the CE) and indicates a willingness to attend a rescheduled CE.

Non-English-Speaking or Limited-English-Proficiency Individuals

For all the development issues discussed above, adjudicators must remember that we are responsible for obtaining the services of a qualified interpreter if the individual requests or needs one. This includes providing an interpreter at a CE if the CE provider is not sufficiently fluent in the individual's language.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ruling is effective on the date of its publication in the **Federal Register**.

CROSS-REFERENCES: SSR 82-40, "Titles II and XVI: The Vocational Relevance of the Past Work Performed in a Foreign Country"; SSR 82-61, "Titles II and XVI: Past Relevant Work—The Particular Job or the Occupation as Generally Performed"; SSR 82-62, "Titles II and XVI: A Disability Claimant's Capacity To Do Past Relevant Work, In General"; SR 82-63, "Titles II and XVI: Medical-Vocational Profiles Showing an Inability To Make an Adjustment to Other Work"; SSR 85-28, "Titles II and XVI: Medical Impairments That Are Not Severe"; SSR 96-3p, "Titles II and XVI: Considering Allegations of Pain and Other Symptoms in Determining Whether a Medically Determinable Impairment Is Severe"; SSR 96-8p, "Titles II and XVI: Assessing Residual Functional Capacity in Initial Claims"; AR 95-1(6), "Preslar

v. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 14 F.3d 1107 (6th Cir. 1994)—Definition of Highly Marketable Skills for Individuals Close to Retirement Age—Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act"; AR 99-2(8), "Kerns v. Apfel, 160 F.3d 464 (8th Cir. 1998)—Definition of Highly Marketable Skills for Individuals Close to Retirement Age—Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act"; AR 99-3(5), "McQueen v. Apfel, —Definition of Highly Marketable Skills for Individuals Close to Retirement Age—Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act"; and Program Operations Manual System, sections DI 22505.015, DI 22510.018, DI 22510.019, DI 23515.010, DI 23515.025, DI 25010.001, SI 00502.142, and GN 00203.001.

¹ Training, or isolated, brief, or remote periods of semiskilled or skilled work will not preclude a finding of arduous unskilled work if such training or experience did not result in skills that enable the individual to do other work.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Overseas Presence Advisory Panel (OPAP)

[Public Notice #3068]

Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel on Monday, June 28, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the U.S. Department of State. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act abd 5 U.S.C. 552b [c] [1], it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The Panel is charged with advising the Secretary of State with respect to the level and type of representation required overseas in light of new foreign policy priorities, a heightened security situation and extremely limited resources. The agenda includes a discussion of sensitive information relating to the Panel's final draft report of ongoing findings and recommendations concerning Embassies and Consulates overseas; this would include, but not be limited to, intelligence and operational policies, and security aspects of all the U.S. Government agencies the Department of State supports abroad.

For more information, contact Marilyn Shapiro, Overseas Presence Advisory Panel, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520; phone: 202-647-6427.

Dated: June 18, 1999.

Ambassador William H. Itoh,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Presence Advisory Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5838]

Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC); Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications; extension of application deadline.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard extends the deadline for applying to be a member of the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC). CFIVAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on the safety of the commercial fishing industry.

DATES: Applications must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0214; or by faxing 202-267-4570. Submit applications to the same address. This notice and the application forms are available on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Lieutenant Commander Randy Clark, Assistant Executive Director of CFIVAC, rclark@comdt.uscg.mil, or LTJG Karen Weaver, kweaver@comdt.uscg.mil, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard originally requested people to apply for membership to the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) in the June 2, 1998, **Federal Register** [USCG-1998-3882]. Several applications were received; however, the Coast Guard is providing more time for applicants. If you applied in response to the June 2 notice you do not need to submit another application. All applications submitted will be considered for the positions available.

CFIVAC is a Federal advisory committee covered by 5 U.S.C. App. 2. As required by the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-424, the Coast Guard established

CFIVAC to provide advice to the Coast Guard on issues related to the safety of commercial fishing vessels regulated under chapter 45 of title 46, United States Code, which includes uninspected fishing vessels, fish processing vessels, and fish tender vessels. CFIVAC consists of 17 members as follows: Ten members from the commercial fishing industry who reflect a regional and representational balance and have experience in the operation of vessels to which chapter 45 of Title 46, United States Code applies, or as a crew member or processing line member on an uninspected fish processing vessel; one member representing naval architects or marine surveyors; one member representing manufacturers of equipment for vessels to which chapter 45 applies; one member representing education or training professionals related to fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel safety, or personnel qualifications; one member representing underwriters that insure vessels to which chapter 45 applies; and three members representing the general public, including whenever possible, an independent expert or consultant in maritime safety and a member of a national organization composed of persons representing owners of vessels to which chapter 45 applies and persons representing the marine insurance industry.

CFIVAC meets at least once a year in different seaport cities nationwide. Special meetings may also be called. Subcommittee meetings are held to consider specific problems as required.

Applications will be considered for six positions that expire or become vacant in October 1999 in the following categories: (a) Commercial Fishing Industry (four positions); (b) General Public (one position); (c) Equipment Manufacturers (one position).

Persons selected as general public members are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 450, on an annual basis. Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Each member serves for a term of three years. A limited portion of the membership may serve consecutive terms. Members of the CFIVAC serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursements and per diem are provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard

encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Brunswick County, North Carolina.

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy C. Shelton, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Suite 410, 310 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone: (919) 856-4350, extension 133.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a second bridge to Oak Island in Brunswick County, North Carolina. The proposed improvement will involve the construction of the second high-rise bridge over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from SR 1105 (Middleton Avenue) to the mainland and the construction of a two-lane roadway with partial control of access on new location from the waterway to NC 211. The proposed action also includes widening the existing SR 1105 from SR 1104 (Beach Road) to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and replacing Bridge No. 206 over Davis Canal. The proposed improvements are considered necessary to provide an increased level of service on the existing road system by increasing traffic capacity and would provide additional access onto and off of the island. Alternatives under consideration include (1) no-build, (2) transportation system management (TSM), (3) mass transit, (4) improve existing facilities, and (5) construction of a new bridge and roadway over the Intracoastal waterway.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State and local

agencies. A series of public meetings and a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on the Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: June 10, 1999.

Roy C. Shelton,

Operations Engineer, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0029]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed from a private sector sales broker to submit an offer to VA on behalf of a prospective purchaser of a VA-acquired property.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to