

will be available at the Public Documents Room, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5638, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Any written comments on the minutes should be directed to Ms. Samara Weinstein, Executive Director of the Working Group, as shown above.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of February 1999.

**Leslie Kramerich,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that two meetings of the Leadership Initiatives Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held via teleconference on February 17 and February 18, 1999. The Music section of the panel will meet from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. on February 17 and the AccessAbility/Partnership section will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on February 18, at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR REINVENTING GOVERNMENT

### BOOST FOR KIDS: Better Opportunities and Outcomes Starting Today Performance Partnerships With State and Local Government for Results for Children

**Authority Citation:** Non-statutory, President's Budget for FY 2000.

#### Background

All of our children deserve to grow up healthy, secure and able to realize their full potential. Vice President Al Gore has created a strong federal team to work with innovative local and State partners to get better results for children. This team will work to minimize administrative barriers and maximize how resources are used to get the best results for children.

The "Boost For Kids" Initiative will recognize the leadership of innovative States and localities that are improving the lives of their communities' children. Boost For Kids will work with them to reinvent how programs are administered to give people at the local level greater flexibility to improve the lives of all of their children. The initiative builds on meetings that Vice President Gore has had with families and communities across the country and at the "Family Re-Union," an annual discussion of public policy from the perspective of families that he moderates in Nashville, Tennessee.

#### Announcement

We are seeking to form up to 10 performance partnerships with State and local governments that are working together to enhance positive outcomes for children, youth, and families. These partnerships will permit leading local and State partners to work together with Federal representatives to:

- Manage for results for children;
- Streamline administration;
- Address barriers at the federal, State and local levels—in ways allowable under current law—to better provide needed services and supports for children;
- Maximize the use of resources for services for children; and
- Share lessons with other communities.

#### What Are the Benefits to States and Communities?

This initiative will not provide additional Federal funds; it will support efforts by all levels of government to cut red tape, integrate services and use current funding more effectively. It will:

- Facilitate consolidated planning and reporting and provide greater

flexibility in administering grant funds with related goals as allowed under current law;

- Recommend changes to pool administrative savings from discretionary grant programs to create local "Boost For Kids Investment Funds"—to turn dollars saved in administration to improving outcomes for children to the extent allowed under current law;
- Help communities use data to achieve better outcomes for children;
- Provide increased access to federal data and geographic information and assistance of federal data experts in devising strategies for collecting and analyzing data on outcomes such as child insurance coverage, immunization, housing, food security, traumatic injury rate, youth crime rate, and school readiness;
- Share lessons learned electronically and through a "How To" Manual on ways to use flexibility to improve outcomes for children; and
- Give national recognition to State and local partners for their results and work to improve the health, safety, living conditions, and well-being of children.

#### Who Can Apply To Be a Partner?

Expressions of interest can be submitted by any of the following: the head of a local collaborative that includes appropriate local government representation, the head of the local government, or a key local government agency head. For smaller jurisdictions, local governments can submit combined applications. Evidence of partnership with State government must be clear.

#### How Does My Community Express Interest in Boost For Kids?

Potential partners should submit a brief Expression of Interest. To minimize any burden, try to keep submissions under ten pages in length. Use existing plans and documents wherever possible.

#### Selection Criteria:

The Federal Steering Committee will select partners based on:

- Existence of community goals or report card for children and a commitment by the partners to use data to measure progress and manage resources to improve child well-being;
- Readiness and commitment of partners to cut red tape, integrate or better coordinate services, use current funding more effectively and achieve better results for children. Partners must include the community/local level and local and State government;



- Commitment to a long-term strategic plan and a sustained effort to improve the well-being of children, youth and families within the community;
- Potential impact of proposed partnership based on issues and proposed outcomes and time frame provided in the Expression of Interest; and
- Balance in terms of geography, demographic characteristics and areas of focus.

#### Federal Partners:

Boost For Kids is led by a Federal Steering Committee which includes the following Federal partners: the Departments of Education; Health and Human Services; Housing and Urban Development; and Justice; the Federal Geographic Data Committee; the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Federal Interagency Forum on Family and Child Statistics; Food and Nutrition Services, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Expressions of interest in partnerships must be received by close of business on March 12, 1999. They may be submitted by mail, fax or electronically to: Boost For Kids, National Partnership for Reinventing Government, Suite 200, 750 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 632-0390 (fax), [Boost4Kids@NPR.gov](mailto:Boost4Kids@NPR.gov)

For further information, please contact Pamela Johnson ([Pamela.Johnson@NPR.GOV](mailto:Pamela.Johnson@NPR.GOV)), (202) 694-0011 or Ann Segal ([asegal@osaspe.dhhs.gov](mailto:asegal@osaspe.dhhs.gov)), (202) 690-7858.

#### Pamela R. Johnson,

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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#### Entergy Operations, Inc. and FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Informal 10 CFR 2.206 Public Hearing

In a **Federal Register** notice published on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 3320), the U.S. Nuclear Regulator Commission (NRC) announced that it will hold an informal public hearing regarding two petitions submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 involving the River Bend Station (RBS), operated by Entergy Operations,

Incorporated, (the RBS licensee), and Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP), Unit 1, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the PNPP licensee). The hearing will be held on February 22, 1999. The location for the hearing will be at the NRC, room T-2B3. The NRC is located at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The hearing will be open to public attendance and will be transcribed.

In order to assist members of the public who live in the vicinity of the River Bend and Perry facilities participate in the informal public hearing being conducted in the Washington, D.C. area, the NRC will provide video teleconferencing (VTC) services at the following facilities located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Cleveland, Ohio:

Center For Instructional Telecommunications, Coates Hall, Room 202, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803 and,

The Forum Conference and Education Center, Inc., One Cleveland Center Office Building, 1375 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

The video teleconferencing facilities in both cities will be made available to the public at 12:30 p.m. EST (11:30 a.m. CST). In order to avoid a conflict with a previously-scheduled class, members of the public participating in the informal public hearing at the LSU/Baton Rouge site will need to vacate the VTC classroom at 3:45 p.m. local time (CST). The NRC will ensure that all members of the public at the Baton Rouge site who wish to make a statement will have the opportunity to provide their comments prior to 3:45 p.m. local time. The NRC will adjust the meeting structure outlined below, as required, to allow for public comment.

The structure of the hearing shall be as follows:

Monday, February 22, 1999:

- 1:00 p.m.—NRC opening remarks
- 1:15 p.m.—Petitioner's presentation
- 2:00 p.m.—NRC questions
- 2:15 p.m.—RBS licensee's presentation
- 2:45 p.m.—NRC questions
- 3:00 p.m.—PNPP licensee's presentation
- 3:30 p.m.—NRC questions
- 3:45 p.m.—Public comments
  - Baton Rouge, Louisiana VTC site
  - Cleveland, Ohio VTC site
  - NRC Headquarters
- 4:30 p.m.—Licensees/Petitioner's final statements
- 4:45 p.m.—Meeting concludes

**Note:** All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

By letter dated September 25, 1998, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS or Petitioner) submitted a Petition

pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the River Bend Station be immediately shut down and its operating license suspended or modified until the facility's design and licensing basis were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies, or until all failed fuel assemblies were removed from the reactor core. The Petitioner also requested that a public hearing be held to discuss this matter in the Washington, D.C. area.

By letter dated November 9, 1998, the UCS also submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant be immediately shut down and its operating license suspended or modified until the facility's design and licensing basis were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies, or until all failed fuel assemblies were removed from the reactor core. The Petitioner also requested a public hearing in the Washington, D.C. area.

The purpose of this informal public hearing is to obtain additional information from the Petitioner, the licensees, and the public for NRC staff use in evaluating the Petitions. Therefore, this informal public hearing will be limited to information relevant to issues raised in the two Petitions. The staff will not offer any preliminary views on its evaluation of the Petitions. The informal public hearing will be chaired by a senior NRC official who will limit presentations to the above subject.

The format of the informal public hearing will be as follows: opening remarks by the NRC regarding the general 10 CFR 2.206 process, the purpose of informal public hearing, and a brief summary of the Petitions (15 minutes); time for the Petitioner to explain the basis of the Petitions (45 minutes); time for the NRC to ask the Petitioner questions for the purposes of clarification (15 minutes); time for the licensees to address the issues raised in the petition (30 minutes for each licensee); time for the NRC to ask the licensees questions for the purposes of clarification (15 minutes each, following licensees' presentations); time for public comments relative to the Petition (45 minutes); and time for the licensees' and Petitioner's final statements (15 minutes).

Members of the public who are interested in presenting information relative to the Petitions should notify the NRC official named below, 5 working days prior to the hearing. A brief summary of the information to be presented and the time requested should be provided in order to make appropriate arrangements. Time allotted