DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Office of Disability Employment Program, National Technical Assistance and Demonstration Center on Preparing Youth With Disabilities for Employment

AGENCY: Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor.

Announcement Type: New Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for Cooperative Agreements. The full announcement is posted on http://www.grants.gov.

Funding Opportunity Number: SGA 12–06.

Key Dates: The closing date for receipt of applications is August 17, 2012.

Funding Opportunity Description

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) announces the availability of approximately $1.1 million to fund a cooperative agreement to manage and operate its National Technical Assistance and Demonstration Center on Preparing Youth with Disabilities for Employment (Center). The Center will continue to build upon the work of ODEP’s previously funded youth technical assistance center, the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Y).

The Center will provide technical assistance, training, and information to Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-funded youth programs and current and former DOL grantees to aid them in integrating evidence-based effective practices for improving transition results for young people with disabilities enrolled in these programs. The Center will use the Guideposts for Success/Building Blocks framework and recognize that youth, families, educators, workforce professionals and other stakeholders must work together to increase employment expectations for youth with disabilities. The Center will build capacity within and across both generic and disability-specific youth service delivery systems to improve employment and post-secondary education outcomes for youth with disabilities. To accomplish this goal the Center will focus on the following three areas:

* Career Exploration, Management and Planning: Providing technical assistance around strategies to improve pathways to further education and careers for youth with disabilities;
* Youth Development and Leadership: Increasing the knowledge and leadership skills of youth receiving services from a variety of systems, enabling youth to become engaged stakeholders and skilled contributors to youth serving systems;
* Professional Development: Working to increase the capacity of youth-serving systems to provide quality training to staff, which will result in improved services and better outcomes for all youth, including those with disabilities.

The Center will work in collaboration with Federal, state and local agencies across multiple systems including education, workforce, juvenile justice, foster care, transportation, mental health, vocational rehabilitation and others on effective practices and other issues related to the transition of youth. To improve outcomes for youth ages 12 to 24, the Center will utilize social media and other electronic tools to influence its target audience of youth as they transition to adulthood and the people who support them, including their peers, families, educators, workforce professionals, and policymakers. The Center will maintain an accessible Web site containing online resources and publications and will conduct trainings both in person and electronically. The Center will conduct outreach and establish and maintain effective working relationships and collaborations with a broad range of entities with the goal of sharing knowledge and promoting the adoption and implementation of policies and effective practices that improve transition outcomes. The Center will contribute to ODEP’s annual performance measures through the development of policies and effective practices, the dissemination of this information, and the promotion of their adoption and implementation.

Funding of up to $1.1 million will be awarded through a competitive process for a 12-month period of performance, with the possibility of up to 4 option years of funding depending on the availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

This solicitation provides background information, describes the application submission requirements, outlines the process that eligible entities must use to apply for funds covered by this solicitation, and outlines the evaluation criteria used as a basis for selecting the grantee.

The full Solicitation for Grant Applications is posted on http://www.grants.gov and is available at no charge. Applications must be submitted through http://www.grants.gov or hard copy will be accepted. If you need to speak to a person concerning these grants, you may telephone Cassandra Mitchell at 202–693–4570 (not a toll-free number). If you have issues regarding access to the Web site, you may telephone the Contact Center Phone at 1–800–518–4726.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 19th day of July 2012.

Cassandra R. Mitchell,
Grant Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2012–0019]

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH)

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for nominations to serve on NACOSH.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health requests nominations for membership on NACOSH. The terms of four NACOSH members will expire on December 8, 2012.

DATES: Nominations for NACOSH must be submitted (postmarked, sent or received) by September 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations for NACOSH, which must include the docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2012–0019), by one of the following methods:

* Electronically: You may submit nominations, including attachments, electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal Rulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions on-line for submitting nominations.
Facsimile: If your nomination, including attachments, does not exceed 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger or courier service: Submit your nomination to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2350 (OSHA’s TTY number is (877) 788-5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m., e.t., weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For press inquiries: Mr. Francis Meilinger, OSHA, Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3647, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–1999; email meilinger.francis@dol.gov.

For general information: Ms. Deborah Crawford, OSHA, Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis, Room N3641, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–1932; fax (202) 693–1641; email crawford.deborah@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on NACOSH. Section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651, 656) authorizes NACOSH to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the OSH Act. NACOSH is a continuing advisory body and operates in accordance with the OSH Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and regulations issued pursuant to those laws (29 CFR Part 1912a, 41 CFR Part 102–3).

NACOSH is comprised of 12 members, all of whom the Secretary of Labor appoints. Nominations will be accepted for four vacancies. The composition of the Committee and categories of new members to be appointed are as follows:

- Four public representatives—one will be appointed;
- Two management representatives—one will be appointed;
- Two labor representatives—one will be appointed;
- Two occupational safety professional representatives—one will be appointed; and
- Two occupational health professional representatives—one will be appointed.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1912a.2, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will designate one of the occupational health professional representatives for appointment by the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, OSHA will provide to HHS all nominations and supporting materials for that membership category.

NACOSH members serve for staggered two-year terms, unless the member becomes unable to serve, resigns, ceases to be qualified to serve, or is removed by the Secretary of Labor. If a vacancy occurs before a term expires, the Secretary may appoint a new member who represents the same interest as the predecessor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The Committee meets at least two times a year (29 CFR 1912a.4).

Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on NACOSH. Nominations must include the nominee’s name, occupation or current position, and contact information. The nomination also must identify the category that the candidate is qualified to represent, and include a resume of the nominee’s background, experience, and qualifications. In addition, the nomination must state that the nominee is aware of the nomination and is willing to serve on NACOSH for a two-year term.

The Secretary of Labor will appoint NACOSH members on the basis of their experience and competence in the field of occupational safety and health (29 CFR 1912a.2). The information received through this nomination process, in addition to other relevant sources of information, will assist the Secretary of Labor in appointing members to serve on NACOSH. In appointing NACOSH members, the Secretary of Labor will consider individuals nominated in response to this Federal Register notice, as well as other qualified individuals. The U.S. Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks broad-based and diverse NACOSH membership. The Department will conduct a basic background check of nominees before their appointment using publicly available, Internet-based sources.

Public Participation—Submission of Nominations and Access to Docket

You may submit nominations (1) electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (FAX); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments and other material must identify the Agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice (OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2012–0019). You may supplement electronic nominations by uploading documents files electronically. If, instead, you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or fax submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic nomination by name, date, and docket number so OSHA can attach them to your nomination.

Because of security-related procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of nominations. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES).

OSHA posts submissions without change at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birth dates. Although all submissions are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through http://www.regulations.gov. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on the OSHA Docket Office is available on that Web site. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through that Web site and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this Federal Register document also are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This document, as well as news releases and other relevant information, are available at OSHA’s Web site at http://www.osha.gov.

Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by section 7 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), 29 CFR part 1912a: 41 CFR part 102–3; and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, 1/25/2012).
OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; OPIC Annual Public Hearing

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, 2012.

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Hearing OPEN to the Public at 2:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: Annual Public Hearing to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

Procedures

Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2012. The notice must include the individual’s name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Such statement must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:
Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336–8438, via email at connie.downs@opic.gov, or via facsimile at (202) 408–0297.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPIC is a U.S. Government agency that provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging democracies for environmentally sound projects that confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while creating employment in the U.S. OPIC is required by section 231A(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the “Act”) to hold at least one public hearing each year.


Connie M. Downs,
OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on August 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at the Board’s meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion Open to the Public

(1) Executive Committee Reports.
(2) Proposal to Coordinate Additional Fact-Finding with Social Security Administration.

The person to contact for more information is Martha P. Rico, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312–751–4920.

Dated: July 20, 2012.

Martha P. Rico,
Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Modify Its Corporate Governance Rules


I. Introduction

On May 17, 2012, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 a proposed rule change to modify an exception to Nasdaq Rule 5605 that allows a non-independent director of a listed company to serve on its audit committee, compensation committee or nominations committee under exceptional and limited circumstances.3 The proposal was published for comment in the Federal Register on June 5, 2012.4 The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposal

Nasdaq’s listing rules generally require that a listed company’s audit, compensation and nominations committees consist of “independent directors,”5 as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2). A director is specifically prohibited from being considered independent under certain circumstances.6 For example, a director who is currently, or during the prior three years was, employed by the company, or a director who is a family member of an individual who is, or at any time during the prior three years was, employed as an executive officer7 by the company, may not be considered independent.8

Nasdaq’s listing rules also include an exception (“Exception”) to permit a listed company, under exceptional and limited circumstances, with proper disclosure, and under specified conditions to allow one non-independent director to serve on the audit, compensation, or nominations committee for up to two years.9 Currently, a listed company may not utilize the Exception for a non-independent director of a listed company to serve on an audit committee, compensation committee or nominations committee under exceptional and limited circumstances.

3 See infra note 9 and accompanying text.
5 See paragraphs (c)(2)(A), (d), and (e)(1)(B) of Nasdaq Rule 5605.
6 See Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2).
7 “Executive Officer” means those officers covered in Rule 16a–1(f) under the Act, 17 CFR 240.16a–1(f). See Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(1).
8 A director is not, however, barred from being independent if he or she has a family member employed by the company, provided that the family member is not an executive officer of the company. See Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2)(C).
9 See paragraphs (c)(2)(B), (d)(3) and (e)(3) of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605. The Exception, however, does not permit a listed company to appoint to its audit committee a director who does not meet the independence criteria set forth in Section 10A(m)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. 78j–1(m)(3), and Rule 10A–3 thereunder, 17 CFR. 240.10A–3(b)(1). See also Nasdaq Rule 5605(c)(2)(B)(i).