The Federal Bonding Program provides fidelity bonds protecting employers who hire individuals with criminal records and other job applicants from theft, forgery, or embezzlement by the employee. Although the bonds have mainly been used for hires of individuals with criminal records, any job applicant is eligible for bonding services, including recovering substance abusers (alcohol or drugs) and persons having poor financial credit, youth and adults who lack a work history, individualsdishonorably discharged from the military, and others. Over the years, the Federal Bonding Program has remained a relatively small program, serving about 900 individuals each year. DOL expanded the use of fidelity bonds to place individuals previously incarcerated in jobs by providing multiple year grants to 24 states in 2019 and 8 additional grants in 2020 for states to purchase such bonds. Relatedly, the number of individuals served rose to approximately 1,050 in 2021.

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693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number for this Federal Register notice (OSHA–2021–0010). OSHA will place comments, including personal information, in the public docket, which may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Copies of this Federal Register document: Electronic copies of this Federal Register document are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This document, as well as news releases and other relevant information are also available on the OSHA web page at http://www.osha.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary of OSHA invites interested parties to submit nominations for membership on FACOSH.

I. Background

FACOSH is authorized to advise the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of Federal employees (Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 668), 5 U.S.C. 7902, Executive Orders 12196 and 13511). This includes providing advice on how to reduce and keep to a minimum the number of injuries and illnesses in the Federal workforce and how to encourage the establishment and maintenance of effective occupational safety and health programs in each Federal agency.

II. FACOSH Membership

FACOSH is comprised of 16 members, who the Secretary appoints to staggered terms not to exceed three (3) years. The Assistant Secretary, who chairs FACOSH, is seeking nominations to fill six (6) position on FACOSH that become vacant on January 1, 2023. The Secretary will appoint the new members to three-(3) year terms.

The number of members the Secretary will appoint to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2023, includes:

• Three management representatives; and
• Three labor representatives.

FACOSH members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary unless the member is no longer qualified to serve, resigns, or is removed by the Secretary. The Secretary may appoint FACOSH members to successive terms. FACOSH meets at least two (2) times a year.

The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks broad-based and diverse FACOSH membership. Any interested person or organization may nominate one (1) or more qualified persons for membership on FACOSH. Interested persons also are invited and encouraged to submit statements in support of particular nominees.

III. Nomination Requirements

Nominations must include the following information:

1. The nominee’s contact information and current occupation or position;
2. Nominee’s resume or curriculum vitae, including prior membership on FACOSH and other relevant organizations, associations and committees;
3. Category of membership (management, labor) the nominee is qualified to represent;
4. A summary of the nominee’s background, experience and qualifications that addresses the nominee’s suitability for the nominated membership category;
5. Articles or other documents the nominee has authored that indicate the nominee’s knowledge, experience, and expertise in occupational safety and health, particularly as it pertains to the Federal workforce; and
6. A statement that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to regularly attend and participate in FACOSH meetings, and has no apparent conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on FACOSH.

IV. Member Selection

The Secretary will appoint FACOSH members based upon criteria including, but not limited to, the nominee’s level of responsibility for occupational safety and health matters involving the Federal workforce, experience and competence in occupational safety and health, and willingness and ability to regularly and fully participate in FACOSH meetings. Federal agency management nominees who serve as their agency’s Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO) and labor nominees who are responsible for Federal employee occupational safety and health matters within their respective organizations are encouraged to serve on FACOSH.

The Secretary will appoint FACOSH members, the Secretary will consider individuals nominated in response to this Federal Register notice, as well as other qualified individuals. OSHA will publish a list of the new FACOSH members in the Federal Register.

Authority and Signature


Signed at Washington, DC, on September 15, 2022.

James S. Frederick,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[DOcket No. OSHA–2009–0025]

UL LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for UL LLC as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on September 21, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

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General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and