

its agents to successfully complete investigations of suspected or alleged violators of the regulations governing the performance of actuarial services with respect to plans to which ERISA applies. Individuals who learn that they are suspected of violating said regulations are given the opportunity to destroy or alter evidence needed to prove the alleged violations. Such individuals may also be able to impair investigations by temporarily suspending or restructuring the activities which place them in violation of said regulations. Further, as noted in preceding subparagraph (2)(B) and incorporated by reference herein, the procedural requirements imposed on the Joint Board by ERISA make the protections afforded by subsections (c)(4)(G) and (f)(1) unnecessary. For these reasons, the Joint Board seeks exemptions from the requirements of subsections (c)(4)(G) and (f)(1).

(v) Subsection (e)(1) of the Privacy Act of 1974 requires that the Joint Board maintain in its records only information that is relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the Office required to be accomplished by statute or by executive order of the President. The Joint Board believes that imposition of said requirement would seriously impair its ability, and the abilities of its agents and other investigative entities to effectively investigate suspected or alleged viola-

tions of regulations and of civil or criminal laws. The Joint Board does not initiate inquiries into individuals' conduct unless it receives information evidencing violation by such individuals of the regulations governing performance of actuarial services with respect to plans to which ERISA applies. Sources of such information may be unfamiliar with the Joint Board's interpretations of said regulations and, therefore, may not always provide only relevant and necessary information. Therefore, it may often be impossible to determine whether or not information is relevant and necessary. For these reasons, the Joint Board seeks exemptions from the requirement of subsection (e)(1).

(vi) Subsection (e)(4)(I) of the Privacy Act of 1974 requires the publication of the categories of sources of records in each system of records. The Joint Board believes that imposition of said requirement would seriously impair its ability to obtain information from such sources for the following reasons. Revealing such categories of sources could disclose investigative techniques and procedures and could cause sources to decline to provide information because of fear of reprisal, or fear of breaches of promises of confidentiality. For these reasons, the Joint Board seeks exemptions from the requirement of subsection (e)(4)(I).

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Subpart A—Purpose and Definitions

§ 1001.100 Purpose and scope of subpart.

(a) This subpart contains the Department of Labor's regulations for implementing 38 U.S.C. 2001–2012, chapters 41 and 42, which require the Secretary of Labor to provide eligible veterans and

eligible persons the maximum of employment and training opportunities, with priority given to the needs of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era, through the public employment service system established pursuant to the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended.

(b) This subpart describes the roles and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET) and the staff of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS).

(c) This subpart describes the performance standards for determining compliance of State agencies in carrying out the provisions of 38 U.S.C., chapters 41 and 42 with respect to:

(1) Providing services to eligible veterans and eligible persons to enhance their employment prospects,

(2) Priority referral of special disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era to job openings listed by Federal contractors pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2012(a), and

(3) Reporting of services provided to eligible veterans and eligible persons pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2007(c) and 2012(c).

(d) Performance standards are contained in this part at §§ 1001.140–1001.142 on the conduct of the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 2003A.

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§ 1001.101 Definitions of terms used in subpart.

Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET) shall mean the official of the Department of Labor as described in § 1001.110 of this part.

Assistant State Director for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (ASDVETS) shall mean a Federal employee who is designated as an assistant to a State Director for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (SDVETS).

Disabled Veteran shall mean a veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Veterans Administration and whos

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not classified as a Special Disabled Veteran.

Eligible person shall mean:

(1) The spouse of any person who died of a service-connected disability; or

(2) The spouse of any member of the armed forces serving on active duty who at the time of application for assistance under this subpart, is listed, pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 556 and the regulations issued thereunder, by the Secretary concerned, in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days: (i) Missing in action, (ii) captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or (iii) forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power; or

(3) The spouse of any person who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability or the spouse of a veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.

Eligible veteran shall mean a person who (1) served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge, or (2) was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) shall mean a member of the State agency staff designated and assigned by the State agency administrator to serve veterans and eligible persons pursuant to this subpart.

Regional Director for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (RDVETS) is the representative of the ASVET on the staff of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) at the regional level; supervises all other VETS staff within the region to which assigned; and shall report to, be responsible to, and be under the administrative direction of the ASVET.

Service Delivery Point (SDP) shall mean a designated local employment service office which serves an area that may also contain extended service locations.

Special disabled veteran shall mean (1) a veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of mili-

tary retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Veterans Administration for a disability rated at 30 percent or more, or (2) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

State agency means the State governmental unit designated pursuant to section 4 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended, to cooperate with the United States Employment Service in the operation of the public employment service system.

State Director for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (SDVETS) is the representative of ASVET on the staff of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) at the State level.

United States Employment Service (USES) shall mean the component of the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor, established under the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended, to maintain and coordinate a national system of public employment service agencies.

Veteran of the Vietnam era shall mean an eligible veteran who (1) served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred during the Vietnam era (August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975) and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge; or (2) was discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability if any part of such active duty was performed during the Vietnam era.

Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) shall mean the organizational component of the Department of Labor administered by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training established to promulgate and administer policies and regulations to provide eligible veterans and eligible persons the maximum of employment and training opportunities according to 38 U.S.C. 2002.

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Subpart B—Federal Responsibilities

§ 1001.110 Role of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET).

(a) As the principal veterans' advisor to the Secretary of Labor, the ASVET shall formulate, promulgate, and administer policies, regulations, grant procedures, grant agreements and administrative guidelines and administer them through the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) so as to provide eligible veterans and eligible persons the maximum of employment and training opportunities, with priority given to the needs of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era, through existing programs, coordination, and merger of programs and implementation of new programs.

(b) ASVET shall oversee activities carried out by State agencies pursuant to 38 U.S.C., chapters 41 and 42.

(c) ASVET shall ensure that appropriate records and reports are maintained by State agencies within their management information systems to fulfill their obligations under this subpart.

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Subpart C—Standards of Performance Governing State Agency Services to Veterans and Eligible Persons

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§ 1001.120 Standards of performance governing State agency services.

(a) To the extent required by 38 U.S.C. 2002 and other applicable law, each State agency shall assure that all of its SDPs, using LVERs and other staff, shall provide maximum employment and training opportunities to eligible veterans and eligible persons with priority given to disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam-era, by giving them preference over non-veterans in the provision of employment and training services available at the SDP involved. Services are those activities or efforts including but not limited to

registration, counseling, referral to supportive services, job development, etc., which are directed to help applicants find jobs or training. When making referrals from the group of applicants meeting the specific eligibility criteria for a particular program, State agencies shall observe the priority order to referral in paragraph (b).

(b) In making referrals of qualified applicants to job openings and training opportunities, to provide maximum employment and training opportunities under 38 U.S.C., SDPs shall observe the following order of priority:

- (1) Special disabled veterans;
- (2) Veterans of the Vietnam era;
- (3) Disabled veterans other than special disabled veterans;
- (4) All other veterans and eligible persons; and
- (5) Nonveterans.

§ 1001.121 Performance standard on facilities and support for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) staff.

Each State agency shall provide adequate and appropriate facilities and administrative support such as office space, furniture, telephone, equipment, and supplies to VETS staff.

§ 1001.122 Reporting and budget requirements.

(a) State agencies shall provide RDVETS, SDVETS, and ASDVETS with access to regular and special internal State agency reports which relate in whole or in part with services to veterans and/or eligible persons.

(b) Each State agency shall make reports and prepare budgets pursuant to instructions issued by the ASVET and in such format as the ASVET shall prescribe.

§ 1001.123 Performance standards governing the assignment and role of Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs).

(a) To carry out the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 2004, at least one member of each State agency staff, preferably an eligible veteran, shall be designated and assigned by each State agency administrator as a full-time or part-time LVER in each SDP in accordance with terms/requirements of a grant agreement approved by the ASVET. The

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ASVET intends to use the following criteria in establishing the terms and requirements of grant agreements:

(1) At least one full-time LVER shall be assigned in each SDP which has had 1,000 new or renewed applications from veterans and eligible persons during the most recent twelve-month report period unless a waiver based on demonstrated lack of need is granted by the ASVET, and

(2) At least one part-time LVER whose time shall be devoted to veterans' services in proportion to the full-time criteria shall be assigned to each SDP not meeting the criteria for full-time LVERs in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) Additional full-time or part-time LVERs may be assigned based on a determination of need by the State agency administrator and in accordance with terms/requirements of a grant agreement approved by the ASVET.

(c) Each LVER shall perform, at the SDP level, the duties prescribed at 38 U.S.C. 2003(c) required by 38 U.S.C. 2004.

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§ 1001.124 Standards of performance governing State agency cooperation and coordination with other agencies and organizations.

(a) Each State agency shall establish cooperative working relationships through written agreements with the Veterans Administration (VA) offices serving the State to maximize the use of VA employment and training programs for veterans and eligible persons.

(b) All programs and activities governed by this subpart will be coordinated to the maximum extent feasible with other programs and activities under 38 U.S.C., the Wagner-Peyser Act, the Job Training Partnership Act, and other employment and training programs at the State and local level.

(c) Such relationships or agreements may be described in the Governor's Coordination and Special Services Plan prepared according to section 121(b) of the Job Training Partnership Act (Pub. L. 97-300).

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§ 1001.125 Standards of performance governing complaints of veterans and eligible persons.

Each SDP shall display information on the various complaint systems to advise veterans and eligible persons about procedures for filing employment service, Federal contractor, equal opportunity, and other complaints.

Subpart D—State Employment Service Agency Compliance

§ 1001.130 Determination of compliance.

(a) The ASVET shall have authority for applying the requirements and remedial actions necessary to implement 20 CFR part 658, subpart H. In the event of such application, references in 20 CFR part 658, subpart H, to "ETA" shall read instead "OASVET"; references to "Regional Administrator" shall read instead "RDVETS"; and references to "JS regulations" shall include this part.

(b) The ASVET shall establish appropriate program and management measurement and appraisal mechanisms to ensure that the standards of performance set forth in §§ 1001.120-1001.125 of this part are met. Specific performance standards designed to measure State agency services provided to veterans and eligible persons required by § 1001.120(a) of this part will be developed administratively through negotiations between State agency administrators and SDVETS and numerical values of the standards will be published as public notices in the FEDERAL REGISTER. A full report of those State agencies in noncompliance with the standards of performance and their corrective action plans shall be incorporated into the Secretary's annual report to the Congress cited at § 1001.131 of this part.

(c) Every effort should be made by the State agency administrator and the SDVETS to resolve all issues informally before proceeding with the formal process.

(d) If it is determined by the ASVET that certain State agencies are not complying with the performance standards at §§ 1001.120-1001.125 of this part, such State agencies shall be required to provide documentary evidence to

the ASVET that their failure is based on good cause. If good cause is not shown, the ASVET, pursuant to subpart H of 20 CFR part 658, shall formally designate the State agency as out of compliance, shall require it to submit a corrective action plan for the following program year, and may take other action against the State agency pursuant to subpart H of 20 CFR part 658.

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§ 1001.131 Secretary's annual report to Congress.

The Secretary shall report, after the end of each program year, on the success of the Department and State agencies in carrying out the provisions of this part.

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Subpart E—Standards of Performance Governing the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP)

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§ 1001.140 Administration of DVOP.

(a) The ASVET shall negotiate and enter into grant agreements within each State to carry out the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 2003A for support of a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) to meet the employment needs of veterans, especially disabled veterans of the Vietnam era.

(b) The ASVET shall be responsible for the supervision and monitoring of the DVOP program, including monitoring of the appointment of DVOP specialists.

(c) DVOP specialists shall be in addition to and shall not supplant local veterans' employment representatives assigned under § 1001.123 of this part.

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§ 1001.141 Functions of DVOP staff.

Each DVOP specialist shall carry out the duties and functions for providing services to eligible veterans according to provisions of 38 U.S.C. 2003A (b) and (c).

§ 1001.142 Stationing of DVOP staff.

DVOP specialists shall be stationed at various locations in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 2003A(b)(2).