

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Justice Programs****National Institute of Justice**

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Meeting Announcement of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the first meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence.

DATES: March 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Great Hall, Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA, Executive Director (202) 616-8123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Individuals interested in attending the meeting must call Laura Lacky at (202) 307-5847 two weeks in advance of meeting and provide name, date of birth and social security number for security purposes. Attendees must also present government issued photo identification at the time of the meeting. All attendees are subject to metal detection devices.

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, sections 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) The use of DNA in post-conviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and

preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment Standards Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning two information collections: (1) Employment Information Form (WH-3 and WH-3-Spanish); and (2) Survivor's Form for Benefits (CM-912), formerly, Survivor's Claim for Benefits (CM-912) and Survivor's Notification of Beneficiary's Death (CM-1089). Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before April 27, 1998. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Contact Ms. Patricia Forkel at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601. The Fax number is (202) 219-6592. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Employment Information Form***I. Background*

Section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., provides that the Secretary of Labor may investigate and gather data regarding the wages, hours, or other conditions and practices of employment in any industry subject to the Act. Similar provisions are also contained in the Public Contracts Act, the Service Contracts Act, the Davis Bacon Act, the Consumer Credit Protection Act, the migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, all of which are enforced by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Form WH-3 is an optional form used by complainants and others to provide information about alleged violations of the labor standards provisions of the Acts cited above. The form is provided in both English and Spanish versions.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks approval of this revised information collection in order to meet the statutory requirements to investigate alleged violations of the various labor standards laws enforced by the Wage and Hour Division. The form has been revised from the current version in order to incorporate information regarding the Family and Medical Leave Act, to clarify the form, and to add and delete certain data elements.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Employment Information Form.