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Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Gary Palmeter,**

*Manager, Property and Office Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary of Labor

#### **Notice of Meeting: President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce and the Committees on Skills Gap, Demographics and Workplace Issues**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce and meeting of Committees.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Executive Order 13218, the Secretary of Labor will hold a meeting of the President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce, hereafter (The Council). This is the second meeting of The Council and its Committees on the Skills Gap, Changing Demographics, and Workplace Issues. The Council and Committees will provide information and advice to the President, through the Secretary of Labor and the Office of the 21st Century Workforce, on issues guided by Executive Order 13218.

**DATE, TIME AND LOCATION:** The Council and the Committees will meet on November 21, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the Secretary's Conference Room, U.S. Department of Labor, Francis Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shelley Hymes, Director, Office of the 21st Century Workforce, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2235, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The contact telephone number is (202) 693-6490.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Welcome and remarks by U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao
- Welcome and remarks by the Director of the Office of the 21st Century Workforce
- Briefing by Department of Labor (DOL) Officials;
- Committee meeting on the Skills Gap, Changing Demographics and Workplace Issues

An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection in the Office of the 21st Century Workforce. All inquiries should be addressed to the Office of the 21st Century Workforce at the address and telephone number provided above.

Individuals needing special accommodations for the Council or Committee meeting should contact Shelley Hymes at 202-693-6490 before November 19, 2002.

Interested parties may submit written data, views or comments, preferably 20 copies, to Shelley Hymes at the address listed above. The Office of the 21st Century Workforce will forward submissions received prior to the meeting to the appropriate Council or Committees and will include each submission in the record of the meeting.

Due to unforeseen administrative delay, we are unable to provide the full 15 days of advanced notice of this meeting.

Dated: Signed in Washington DC on November 14, 2002.

**Shelley S. Hymes,**

*Director, Office of the 21st Century Workforce.*

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Rulemaking Protocol

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Announcement of adoption of revised rulemaking protocol.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the text of a revised rulemaking protocol adopted by the LSC Board of Directors which will govern LSC rulemaking activities.

**DATES:** This Rulemaking Protocol became effective upon its adoption at

the LSC Board of Directors Meeting on November 9, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mattie C. Condray, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002-4250; 202/336-8817 (phone); 202/336-8952 (fax); [mcondray@lsc.gov](mailto:mcondray@lsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

The Legal Services Corporation is authorized by Congress to issue regulations as necessary to carry out its mission. See 42 U.S.C. 2996(e). LSC, however, is not a "department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government." 42 U.S.C. 2996(d). As such, LSC is not subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, which governs the rulemaking activities of Federal agencies. Rather, LSC is required to "afford notice and reasonable opportunity for comment to interested parties prior to issuing rules, regulations, and guidelines, and it shall publish in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to their effective date all its rules, regulations, guidelines and instructions." 42 U.S.C. 2999(g).

Throughout its history, LSC has conducted its rulemaking in compliance with the statutory requirements described above, but has not had a written statement of the Board of Directors ("Board") setting forth the procedures to be followed in the course of LSC rulemaking activities. The Board determined that, while there is no legal requirement for LSC to have a written protocol related to rulemaking, having one would serve to advance LSC's policy of conducting its rulemaking activities in a spirit of cooperative dialog with our recipients and other interested parties. Accordingly, on September 18, 2000, at a meeting of its Board of Directors, the Legal Services Corporation adopted a new Rulemaking Protocol to govern its rulemaking activities.

At its September 2002 meeting, the Board discussed how the Rulemaking Protocol and how rulemaking has proceeded under the Protocol, citing concerns over cost of the Negotiated Rulemakings being undertaken while endorsing the collaborative rulemaking approach promoted by the Protocol. The Board requested that staff provide at the next meeting a report detailing experience with the Rulemaking Protocol, to date, and recommending changes, as necessary to improve the Protocol. The requested report, including proposed changes to the