

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense announces that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries will take place. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Friday, July 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 4800 Mark Center Drive, Conference Room 19, Level B1, Alexandria, VA 22350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kathleen Ludwig at the Defense Human Resource Activity, DoD Office of the Actuary, 4800 Mark Center Drive, STE 05E22, Alexandria, VA 22350-7000. Phone: 571-372-1993. Email: Kathleen.A.Ludwig.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to execute the provisions of chapter 56, title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1114 et. seq.). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of benefits under DoD retiree health care programs for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries.

Agenda:

1. Meeting Objective

Approve actuarial assumptions and methods needed for calculating:

- i. FY 2018 per capita full-time and part-time normal cost amounts
- ii. September 30, 2015, unfunded liability (UFL)
- iii. October 1, 2016, Treasury UFL amortization and normal cost payments

2. Trust Fund Update

3. Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund Update

4. September 30, 2014, Actuarial Valuation Results

5. September 30, 2015, Actuarial Valuation Proposals

6. Decisions

Actuarial assumptions and methods needed for calculating:

- a. FY 2018 per capita full-time and part-time normal cost amounts
- b. September 30, 2015, unfunded liability (UFL)
- c. October 1, 2016, Treasury UFL amortization and normal cost payments

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165 and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. The Mark Center is an annex of the Pentagon. Those without a valid DoD Common Access Card must contact Kathleen Ludwig at 571-372-1993 no later than June 30, 2016. Failure to make the necessary arrangements will result in building access being denied. It is strongly recommended that attendees plan to arrive at the Mark Center at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact: The Designated Federal Officer is Ms. Inger M. Pettygrove. Phone: 571-372-1998. Email: inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil. Persons desiring to attend the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries meeting or make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Kathleen Ludwig at 571-372-1993, or Kathleen.A.Ludwig.civ@mail.mil, by June 30, 2016.

Dated: January 28, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

DoD Board of Actuaries; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense announces that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the DoD Board of Actuaries will take place. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, July 14, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, July 15, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 4800 Mark Center Drive, Conference Room 18, Level B1, Alexandria, VA 22350.

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provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of the meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuations of the Education Benefits Fund, the Military Retirement Fund, and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183, Section 2006, Chapter 74 (10 U.S.C. 1464 et. seq.), and 10 U.S.C. 1175.

Agenda:

Education Benefits Fund (July 14, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.)

1. Briefing on Investment Experience
2. September 30, 2015, Valuation Proposed Economic Assumptions *
3. September 30, 2015, Valuation Proposed Methods and Assumptions—Reserve Programs *
4. September 30, 2015, Valuation Proposed Methods and Assumptions—Active Duty Programs *
5. Developments in Education Benefits

Military Retirement Fund (July 15, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

1. Briefing on Investment Experience
2. September 30, 2015, Valuation of the Military Retirement Fund *
3. Proposed Methods and Assumptions for September 30, 2016, Valuation of the Military Retirement Fund *
4. Proposed Methods and Assumptions for September 30, 2015, Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) Fund Valuation *
5. Recent and Proposed Legislation
* Board approval required

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Educational Opportunity Centers Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Educational Opportunity Centers Program (EOC Program) Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.066A.

DATES: *Applications Available:* February 2, 2016.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 4, 2016.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 1, 2016.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purposes of the EOC Program are to: provide information regarding financial and academic assistance available for qualified adults who want to enter or continue to pursue a program of postsecondary education; provide assistance to those individuals in applying for admission to institutions at which a program of postsecondary education is offered, including preparing necessary applications for use by admissions and financial aid officers; and assist in improving the financial and economic literacy of program participants.

An Educational Opportunity Centers project may provide the following services:

- (1) Public information campaigns designed to inform the community regarding opportunities for postsecondary education and training;
- (2) Academic advice and assistance in course selection;

(3) Assistance in completing college admission and financial aid applications;

(4) Assistance in preparing for college entrance examinations;

(5) Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students;

(6) Guidance on secondary school reentry or entry to a general educational development (GED) program or other alternative education program for secondary school dropouts;

(7) Individualized personal, career, and academic counseling;

(8) Tutorial services;

(9) Career workshops and counseling;

(10) Mentoring programs involving elementary or secondary school teachers, faculty members at institutions of higher education (IHEs), students, or any combination of these persons; and

(11) Programs and activities as described in items (1) through (10) that are specially designed for students who are limited English proficient, students from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, students with disabilities, students who are homeless children and youths, students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system, or other disconnected students.

(12) Other activities designed to meet the purposes of the EOC Program.

Note: Consistent with 34 CFR 75.209, the Secretary will use the selection criteria outlined in 34 CFR 644.21 to evaluate the applications submitted for new grants under this program. In addition, consistent with the Department's increasing emphasis on promoting evidence-based practices through our grant competitions, the Secretary will also evaluate applications on the extent to which the components of the proposed project are supported by a logic model that meets the evidence standard of "strong theory" (as defined in this notice). We encourage applicants to read carefully the *Selection Criteria* section of this notice. Resources to assist applicants in creating a logic model can be found here: http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/pacific/pdf/REL_2014007.pdf.

Priorities: This notice contains two competitive preference priorities. The competitive preference priorities are from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73425) (Supplemental Priorities).

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2016 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under

34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award an application up to two additional points for each priority, for a total of up to four additional points, depending on how well the application meets each of these priorities.

The competitive preference priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1: Improving Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (up to 2 additional points).

The Secretary gives priority to projects that are designed to improve student outcomes through implementing initiatives that improve community engagement (as defined in this notice), the relationships between parents or families and school or program staff by cultivating sustained partnerships (as defined in this notice).

Competitive Preference Priority 2: Supporting Military Families and Veterans (up to 2 additional points).

The Secretary gives priority to projects that are designed to address the needs of military- or veteran-connected students (as defined in this notice).

Note: Applicants must include, in the one-page abstract submitted with the application, a statement indicating which, if any, of the competitive preference priorities are addressed. If the applicant has addressed the competitive preference priorities, this information must also be listed in the application package on the EOC Program Profile Form.

Definitions: These definitions are from the Supplemental Priorities and 34 CFR 77.1.

Community engagement means the systematic inclusion of community organizations as partners with State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), or other educational institutions, or their school or program staff to accomplish activities that may include developing a shared community vision, establishing a shared accountability agreement, participating in shared data collection and analysis, or establishing community networks that are focused on shared community-level outcomes. These organizations may include faith- and community-based organizations, IHEs (including minority-serving institutions eligible to receive aid under title III or title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)), businesses and industries, labor organizations, State and local government entities, or Federal entities other than the Department.

Logic model (also referred to as theory of action) means a well-specified conceptual framework that identifies key components of the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice (*i.e.*, the active "ingredients" that are