



U.S. Department of Labor

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To Disability Stakeholders:

We have an extraordinary opportunity to provide input to Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis on the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The Secretary has asked the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to conduct a series of "listening" opportunities to hear from all interested stakeholders about reauthorization. The purpose of this listening session is to solicit input from disability stakeholders. ETA and the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) will be jointly conducting this WIA reauthorization listening session on the following topics:

- What is working well in WIA and should be continued?
- What is not working well and should be discontinued or altered?
- What opportunities does reauthorization present for innovation and change?

The listening session for disability stakeholders will be conducted on Thursday, October 1, 2009, between 2:00-5:00 PM (EST) at the U.S. Department of Labor, Room #C-5320, Room 6, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20210. There will be a number of pre-scheduled five minute presentations by disability stakeholders, as well as an opportunity for all participants to provide comments.

Interested attendees must register at www.workforce3one.org. Registrants will be able to participate in the listening session either in person at the Department of Labor or remotely via webinar or teleconference. A teleconference number and webinar link with access to closed captioning will be provided to those who wish to remotely attend the listening session.

If you are interested in attending the listening session in person, please contact Randee Chafkin at chafkin.randee@dol.gov. Please also contact Ms. Chafkin if you are requesting an accommodation. Space is limited and participation in person will be on a first registered basis; if there are more registrants who want to attend in person than there is space, you will be notified by e-mail prior to the session and will be able to participate by webinar or teleconference.

Written comments are also welcome and can be submitted to WIA.Reauthorization2009@dol.gov through October 15, 2009. This listening session will be recorded and archived on www.workforce3one.org so that interested parties may access the recording and transcript at any time.

We look forward to hearing your comments and appreciate your taking the time to provide input about the WIA reauthorization.

Thank you.

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