DOL Top Operational Items

Per guidance from the Federal Transition Coordinator, the Department of Labor (DOL) has identified the top operational items a new administration will have to handle immediately after Inauguration.

1. **Coronavirus – 19 (COVID) Response**
   - Communication to DOL Workforce on any change to DOL Posture.
   - Departmental position on necessary Pandemic Supplemental bills, including being prepared for short-turnaround Congressional technical assistance requests.
   - Job Corps’ centers operating posture or planned changes to that posture.
   - Enforcement Agencies’ Pandemic-related approach.
   - The Department has been notified of several associated GAO Studies and OIG Audits.
   - For additional information, please see the Cross Agency Paper 6. DOL’S External Response to the COVID Pandemic, Cross Agency Paper 7. DOL’s Internal Response to the COVID Pandemic and the Agency Transition Documents.

2. **OMB Passback on President’s FY 2022 Budget**
   - For additional information, please see the OASAM Transition Document.

3. **FY 2022-2026 Departmental Strategic Plan Development**
   - Decisions will need to be made by Departmental leadership to meet the OMB deadline.
   - For additional information, please see the Cross Agency Paper 10. DOL FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

4. **ETA Foreign Labor Certification – H2B**
   - H2B filing season for employers begins in January.
   - In previous years, as part of the final appropriations bill, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of DHS have been directed to jointly determine the amount by which the H-2B cap should be increased.
   - For additional information, please see the ETA Transition Document.

5. **Appointment of Office of Congressional Affairs (OCIA) staff**
   - OCIA has no Senior Career Staff. A Budget Analyst from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM) has been detailed to act as OCIA’s Senior Career Official on an interim basis.
   - For additional information, please see the OCIA Transition Document.

6. **Executive Order 13957 on Creating Schedule F In The Excepted Service**
   - Preliminary review of Agency positions due to OPM on 1/19/20.
   - For additional information, please contact OASAM.

7. **Spring Regulatory Agenda**
   - For additional information, please contact OASP.

8. **Three Day Advance Congressional Appropriations Committee Notice prior to Grant Award**
   - For additional information, please see the OCIA Transition Document.

9. **Potential Decisions on Space Planning**
   - For additional information please see the Cross Agency Paper 15. Real Property Initiative.