

changes that add or delete current occupations within the 1980 SOC.

Request for Comments

All comments, however specific or general in nature, whether comprehensive to the entire occupational structure or pertinent to only one occupation, are welcome.

Work Plan

The SOCRPC intends to begin the detailed development of the new SOC with the formation of work teams from the Federal agencies in December 1995. Public comments and the input from member agencies will form the basis for the development of the new classification structure. The specific milestones for activities of the SOCRPC are as follows:

- (1) Work teams established to begin work on the SOC detailed revision. (December 1995)
- (2) Draft SOCRPC recommendations on the detailed SOC revision completed. (June 1996)
- (3) Seminar to discuss the draft SOCRPC recommendations and the implications of the new SOC for other occupational classification systems. (August 1996)
- (4) Publish Federal Register notice of final SOCRPC recommendations for public comment. (September 1996)

(5) Publish Federal Register notice of final OMB decisions on SOC. (January 1997)

(6) Development and publication of new *SOC Manual*. (July 1997)

Public Review Procedure

All comments and proposals received in response to this notice will be available for public inspection at the Bureau of Labor Statistics during normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., in Suite 4945, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington DC 20212. Please call BLS on (202) 606-6402 to obtain an appointment to enter the suite. The SOCRPC final recommendations will be published in the Federal Register for public review and comment prior to final action by OMB.

References

(1) The *Standard Occupational Classification Manual, 1980*, was published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards and can be found in many reference libraries. It is now available in print and 9-track magnetic tape formats from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, catalog number PB81-162521, telephone number (703) 487-4650, FAX (703) 321-8547.

(2) Standard Occupational Classification Revision Policy

Committee, "Summary of Comments on the February 28, 1995 Federal Register Notice concerning the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Revision Policy Committee Proposal to Revise the SOC," May 1995. Available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington DC, 20212, telephone number (202) 606-6502, FAX (202) 606-6645.

(3) Standard Occupational Classification Revision Policy Committee, Seminar on Research Findings, April 11, 1995, September 1995. Available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington DC, 20212, telephone number (202) 606-6502, FAX (202) 606-6645.

(4) The definitions and occupational structure for the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) occupational classification system can be obtained electronically or in hard copy by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics, OES Program, Suite 4840, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington DC, 20212, telephone number (202) 606-6569, FAX (202) 606-6645.

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