

Employment and Training Task Force Annual Report for 2013

2013 ACTIVITIES

The Employment and Training Task Force completed the following action items in 2013:

- Task Force Hill Meetings with Senate HELP Committee and House Committee on Education and Workforce regarding Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Reauthorization;
- Special briefing on Federal Diversity and Hiring Initiatives with Michael Murray, OPM Diversity Program Manager;
- Special briefing on the Disability Employment Tabulation with Terrence McMenamin, BLS Economist;
- Task Force Policy and Language Recommendations on Senate HELP Staff WIA
 Discussion Draft;
- Disability Employment Policy Briefing at the Executive Leadership Seminar Series;

Additionally, the task force submitted the following sign-on letters:

- EEOC Strategic Enforcement Plan for FY 2013-2016
- SKILLS Act (H.R. 803)
- Social Security Administration PROMISE Grants
- Federal Partners in Transition Online Dialogue on Improving Transition for Youth with Disabilities
- Workforce Investment Act of 2013 (S.1356)
- CCD Joint Letters/Statements supporting OFCCP Final Regulations Implementing Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The task force plans to continue its work on the Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization and responding to any proposals on employment of people with disabilities issued by the HELP Committee and working with the Social Security Task Force on any initiatives concerning work incentives for beneficiaries of SSI and SSDI. Additionally, the task force plans to monitor new policy developments relating to employment under CMS Managed Long-Term Services and Supports and Medicaid HCBS Waiver Programs.

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