

section 6(b) of the Act on September 28, 2015 (80 FR 58297).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 7, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on April 16, 2024 (89 FR 26927).

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Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Integrated Photonics Institute for Manufacturing Innovation Operating Under the Name of the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics

Notice is hereby given that, on August 18, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), The Integrated Photonics Institute for Manufacturing Innovation operating under the name of the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics (“AIM Photonics”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, Boston Quantum Photonics, Weston, MA; Northeastern University, Boston, MA; and Microsoft Research Limited, Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and AIM Photonics intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 16, 2016, AIM Photonics filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 25, 2016 (81 FR 48450).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 2, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal**

**Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 20, 2025 (90 FR 26328).

**Suzanne Morris,**

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Labor Certification Process for the Temporary Employment of Foreign Workers in Agriculture in the United States: Adverse Effect Wage Rate for Range Occupations

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor (DOL) is issuing this notice to announce updates to the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) for the employment of temporary or seasonal nonimmigrant foreign workers (H-2A workers) to perform herding or production of livestock on the range. AEWRs are the minimum wage rates the DOL has determined must be offered, advertised in recruitment, and paid by employers to H-2A workers and workers in corresponding employment so that the wages and working conditions of workers in the United States (U.S.) similarly employed will not be adversely affected. In this notice, DOL announces the annual update of the AEWR for workers engaged in the herding or production of livestock on the range, as required by the methodology previously established in 2015.

**DATES:** February 3, 2026.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Pasternak, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC), by email at *ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security will not approve an employer’s petition for the admission of H-2A nonimmigrant temporary and seasonal agricultural workers in the U.S. unless the petitioner has received an H-2A labor certification from DOL. DOL issues such labor certification when it determines that (1) there are not sufficient U.S. workers who are able, willing, and qualified and who will be available at the time and place needed to perform the labor or services involved

in the petition; and (2) the employment of the foreign worker(s) in such labor or services will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the U.S. similarly employed. See 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 1184(c)(1), and 1188(a); 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5); 20 CFR 655.100.

#### Adverse Effect Wage Rate

DOL’s H-2A regulations covering the herding or production of livestock on the range, published in the **Federal Register** as the *Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Herding or Production of Livestock on the Range in the United States*, 80 FR 62958 (Oct. 16, 2015), provide that employers must offer, advertise in recruitment, and pay each worker employed under 20 CFR 655.200 through 655.235 a wage that is at least the highest of the various wage sources listed in § 655.211(a)(1), including the monthly AEWR. See 20 CFR 655.210(g). Further, when the monthly AEWR is adjusted during a work contract, and is higher than both the agreed-upon collective bargaining wage and the applicable minimum wage imposed by Federal or State law or judicial action in effect at the time the work is performed, the employer must pay at least that adjusted monthly AEWR upon publication by DOL in the **Federal Register**. See 20 CFR 655.211(a)(2).

As provided in 20 CFR 655.211(c)(2), the monthly AEWR for range occupations in all States for a calendar year is based on the monthly AEWR for the previous calendar year (\$2,058.31), adjusted by the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for wages and salaries published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding annual period. The 12-month change in the ECI for wages and salaries of private industry workers between September 2024 and September 2025 was 3.6 percent, resulting in a monthly AEWR for range occupations in effect for the following year of \$2,132.41.<sup>1</sup> The national monthly AEWR rate for all range occupations in the H-2A program is calculated by multiplying the monthly AEWR for the previous year by

<sup>1</sup> The regulation at 20 CFR 655.211(c)(2) states that the monthly AEWR is calculated based on the ECI for wages and salaries “for the preceding October–October period.” This regulatory language was intended to identify the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) October publication of ECI for wages and salaries, which presents data for the September to September period. Accordingly, the most recent 12-month change in the ECI for private sector workers published on December 10, 2025, by BLS was used for establishing the monthly AEWR under the regulations. See [https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/eci\\_12102025.pdf](https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/eci_12102025.pdf). The ECI for private sector workers was used rather than the ECI for all civilian workers given the characteristics of the H-2A herder workforce.

the October 2025 ECI adjustment ( $\$2,058.31 \times 1.036 = \$2,132.41$ ) or  $\$2,132.41$ . Accordingly, any employer certified or seeking certification for range workers must pay each worker a wage that is at least the highest of the various wage sources listed in § 655.211(a)(1), including the monthly AEW<sup>1</sup> of  $\$2,132.41$ , at the time work is performed on or after the effective date of this notice.

(Authority: 20 CFR 655.211(b))

**Henry Maklakiewicz,**

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Board of Directors and its Finance and Audit committees will meet January 26–27, 2026. On Monday, January 26, the first meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. CT, with the next meeting commencing promptly upon adjournment of the immediately preceding meeting. On Tuesday, January 27, the first meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. CT, with the next meeting commencing promptly upon adjournment of the immediately preceding meeting.

**PLACE:** Public Notice of Hybrid Meeting.

LSC will conduct its January 26–27, 2026, meetings at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, 600 E Market St., San Antonio, TX, 78205, and virtually via videoconference.

**Public Observation:** Unless otherwise noted herein, the Board and all committee meetings will be open to public observation via LSC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@LegalServicesCorpstreams>.

**STATUS:** Open, except as noted below.

**Audit Committee**—Open, except that, upon a vote of the Board of Directors, the meeting may be closed to the public to discuss the FY25 audit and timeline, to discuss follow-up work by the Office of Compliance and Enforcement relating to open Office of Inspector General investigations and to discuss a grantee oversight activities.

**Finance Committee**—Open, except that, upon a vote of the Board of Directors, the meeting may be closed to the public to discuss LSC's banking services and investment governance framework and advisor selection process.

**Board of Directors**—Open, except that, upon a vote of the Board of

Directors, a portion of the meeting may be closed to the public to receive briefings from Management and the Inspector General and to consider and act on potential and pending litigation involving LSC as well as a list of prospective Leaders Council and Emerging Leaders Council members.

Any portion of the closed session consisting solely of briefings does not fall within the Sunshine Act's definition of the term “meeting” and, therefore, the requirements of the Sunshine Act do not apply to such portion of the closed session.

A verbatim written transcript will be made of the closed sessions of the Audit, Finance, and Board of Directors meetings. The transcript of any portions of the closed sessions falling within the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), (7), (9) and (10), will not be available for public inspection. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that, in his opinion, the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

#### Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 26, 2026

Start Time (all CT)

1. Audit Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m. CT

a. Matters to be discussed include the Committee's self-evaluation for 2025; briefing by the Office of Inspector General; review of LSC's and the Office of Inspector General's mechanisms for the submission of confidential complaints regarding suspected fraud, theft, corruption, or misuse of funds, or problems involving internal controls, auditing, or accounting, and that there are proper procedures in place for the receipt, retention, and handling of such complaints; a briefing regarding follow-up by the Office of Compliance and Enforcement on referrals by the Office of Inspector General regarding audit reports and annual financial statement audits of grantees; an overview of changes to the A-50 Reporting Process; and a management update regarding Risk Management.

2. Finance Committee Meeting

a. Matters to be discussed include the Committee's self-evaluation for 2025; an overview of LSC's Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation; financial report for the first two months of Fiscal Year 2026; LSC's Fiscal Year 2026 consolidated operating budget; and LSC's Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation request.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Start Time (all CT)

1. LSC Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. CT

a. Matters to be discussed include nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and all committee assignments; the Board's self-evaluation for 2025; Chairman's Report; Members' Reports; President's Report; Inspector General's Report; and consideration of reports from the Institutional Advancement, Delivery of Legal Services, Operations and Regulations, Governance and Performance Review, Audit, and Finance Committees.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jessica Wechter, Special Assistant to the President, at (202) 295-1500. Questions may also be sent by electronic mail to the Office of the Corporate Secretary at [updates@lsc.gov](mailto:updates@lsc.gov).

**Non-Confidential Meeting Materials:** Non-confidential meeting materials will be made available in electronic format at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the LSC website, at <https://www.lsc.gov/about-lsc/board-meeting-materials>.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.)

Dated: January 15, 2026.

**Stefanie Davis,**

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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### Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive, Co-Exclusive or Partially Exclusive Patent License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive patent license to practice the inventions described and claimed in the patents and/or patent applications listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**DATES:** The prospective exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive license may be granted unless NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument, no later than February 4, 2026 that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the