



## SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

Dear Participant:

Thank you for taking part in the Occupational Requirements Survey. The information you provide will help us, the Social Security Administration, make accurate decisions in our disability programs, which provide financial help to more than 15 million disabled individuals and close to 2 million eligible dependents.

When deciding whether an individual qualifies for disability benefits, we look at a person's work history, medical condition, physical and mental ability to perform work-related tasks, and if a significant number of jobs exist in the economy that he or she could perform. The information you provide will help us to better define the jobs that exist in our national economy, and accordingly, the types of work that someone might be able to do.

In an effort to compile a comprehensive listing of jobs that a disability applicant may be able to do, we collaborated with the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to develop a new Occupational Information System. This System will contain information on the skill requirements, the environmental conditions, and the physical and mental demands of many different types of work available in the national economy.

We greatly value your cooperation in providing us with information about the jobs available in your organization. We ask participants to provide thorough responses to BLS to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the resulting data. For more information about this project and how we use the information that you provide to help the American people, please visit our website at [https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/occupational\\_info\\_systems.html](https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/occupational_info_systems.html).

Thank you again for taking part in this important survey.

Sincerely,

Andrew Saul  
Commissioner