

# DOL Top Operational Items

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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.*