

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

In the Matter of

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE)	
OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING,)	
EMPLOYER AND LABOR SERVICES,)	
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Prosecuting Party,)	
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v.)	Case Nos. 2002-CCP-1,
)	2003-CCP-1
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT)	
OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,)	
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Respondent,)	
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and)	
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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL,)	
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Respondent.)	
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PARTIES' JOINT SETTLEMENT STATUS REPORT

Prosecuting Party Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services ("OATELS") and Respondents California Department of Industrial Relations ("CDIR") and California Apprenticeship Council ("CAC") jointly submit this status report pursuant to the administrative law judge's February 19, 2004 order staying the above proceedings. In the first forty-five days of the stay, the parties appear to have made significant progress on one of the two disputed issues.

On March 22, 2004, OATELS responded in writing to CDIR and CAC's settlement counterproposals. CDIR and CAC both requested clarification of OATELS' response, OATELS responded to these requests, and the parties held a telephone settlement conference on March 24.

At the telephone conference, the California attorneys suggested an alternative way of resolving the need criteria issue. Although OATELS cannot assess any proposal until it is presented in writing, OATELS believes that the alternative approach could potentially resolve the need issue.

Although the parties still disagree on the "prior approval" issue, a resolution of the need issue could well provide the impetus to resolve both issues. CDIR and CAC are now preparing a written presentation of their latest settlement proposal on the need issue, and negotiations on the "prior approval" issue will continue.

Respectfully submitted,

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