



SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

Dear Participant:

Thank you for taking part in the *Occupational Requirements Survey*. The information that you provide in this survey will help us, the Social Security Administration, make correct decisions in our disability programs, which currently provide financial help to more than 14 million disabled individuals, and 2 million eligible dependents.

When deciding if 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 they could still perform. The information you provide in this survey 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 the jobs that someone 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 house information on the skill requirements, the environmental conditions, and the physical and mental demands of all of the different types of work available in our national economy.

We greatly value your cooperation in providing us with information about the occupations available in your organization. For more information about this project, and how we use the information that you provide to inform the disability program and help the American people, please visit our website at

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/occupational_info_systems.html.

Thank you again for your time in taking part in this important survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn W. Colvin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolyn W. Colvin
Acting Commissioner