

# OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY PANEL

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The Honorable Michael J. Astrue  
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Dear Commissioner Astrue:

On behalf of the Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel (OIDAP), it is my honor to deliver to the Social Security Administration (SSA) the recommendations outlined in this report for the content model and classification of a new occupational information system (OIS) designed for SSA's disability adjudication process. Seven months ago, we enthusiastically took on our charge to provide independent advice and recommendations for the creation of the OIS by the end of this fiscal year. Our work was extensive. The breadth and depth of our research and deliberations resulted in seven general recommendations that are further detailed and supported in this report. We applaud SSA for taking on this momentous task.

The OIDAP looks forward to SSA's response to the advice offered in this initial set of recommendations that constitute the start of our efforts, not the finish line. Furthermore, we look forward to our continued effort to assist SSA with additional advice and recommendations as future phases of the OIS development unfold.

Sincerely,

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