

Dear Colleagues:

The O*NET Data Collection Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, is seeking the input of expert **Area, Ethnic, and Cultural Studies Teachers, Postsecondary.** As the nation's most comprehensive source of occupational data, O*NET is a free resource for millions of job seekers, employers, veterans, educators, and students at www.onetonline.org.

You have the opportunity to participate in this important initiative and your participation will help ensure that the complexities of your profession are described accurately in the O*NET database for the American public.

O*NET Description of Area, Ethnic, and Cultural Studies Teachers, Postsecondary: Teach courses pertaining to the culture and development of an area, an ethnic group, or any other group, such as Latin American studies, women's studies, or urban affairs. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.

You are considered an Occupation Expert if you meet the following criteria:

- Have at least **one year** of professional experience working in the occupation.
- Have a minimum of five years combined professional experience practicing, training, teaching, and/or supervising others who perform in the occupation.
- Are currently actively involved in the field and based in the United States.

How to Participate

If you meet these criteria and are interested in participating, please contact **Jumoke Dickson** at RTI International, the O*NET data collection contractor, at **jdickson@onet.rti.org**.

Please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Company Name and Title
- Daytime Phone Number
- Email Address
- Address with City and State

Process and Participation Incentive:

A random sample of experts responding to this request will be invited to complete a set of questionnaires. Experts who are selected and agree to participate will receive \$40.00 VISA gift code and an oak-framed Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of Labor.

We encourage you to consider helping to keep information about your profession accurate and current for the benefit of our colleagues and the nation. Thank you for your support.

If you know anyone <u>within your organization</u> who is also an expert and would be willing to participate, feel free to forward this letter to them.