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Executive Office for Immigration Review to Host Stakeholder Webinar on the R&A Program

SUMMARY: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) invites interested parties to join a webinar/teleconference that will discuss the agency's Recognition and Accreditation (R&A) Program in light of the R&A final rule, which became effective Jan. 18, 2017. The rule is available at: <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/19/2016-29726/recognition-of-organizations-and-accreditation-of-non-attorney-representatives</u>. EOIR representatives will provide a brief presentation on the current state of the R&A Program and then dedicate the majority of the meeting to responding to stakeholder questions.

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

RSVP: To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Nathan Berkeley, Deputy Chief of EOIR's Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, via email at <u>EngageWithEOIR@usdoj.gov</u> by noon on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017.

In your email, please provide the name(s) of the attendee(s), your organization, and an email address for follow-up correspondence.

EOIR will send web access and call-in information on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, to those who RSVP. During the meeting, participants will be able to submit their questions through the webinar platform. Those who participate by phone will be in listen-only mode.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals – whom the Department of Homeland Security charges with violating immigration law – should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.