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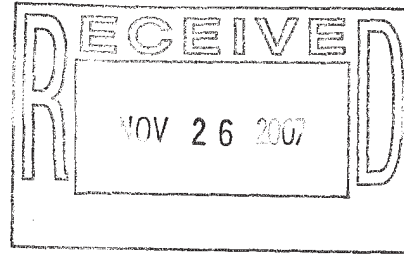
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Dear Mr. Lowry:

I am responding to your letter dated November 1 addressed to Acting Commissioner Philip Rones, regarding jobs classified by the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT).

The DOT is no longer in use by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and we do regard it as obsolete since much of the information contained in the most recent version is based on research conducted at least two decades ago.

The DOT has been replaced by the Occupational Information Network (O*NET), which is developed by the Employment and Training Administration. O*NET includes information on job duties, knowledge and skills, worker abilities, education and training, and other occupational characteristics. Information on O*NET is available online at <http://www.onetcenter.org/>. The Content Model section of this web site describes the detailed characteristics information provided in O*NET.

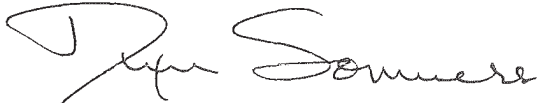
The structure of O*NET reflects the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. With more than 800 detailed occupations, the SOC describes the occupational structure in the United States and provides a national occupational classification system. For some SOC occupations, O*NET provides additional detail. Information on the SOC is available online at <http://www.bls.gov/soc/>; information on how O*NET uses the SOC is available at the O*NET web site shown above.

We are not aware of any data source or methodology for reliably determining the number of jobs by DOT code. Our Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey collects data on employment and wages by detailed occupation as defined in the 2000 SOC.

Information on OES is available online at
<http://www.bls.gov/oes>.

If you have any further questions, you may contact me or a
member of my staff at 202-691-5701.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dixie Sommers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dixie" written in a stylized, looped manner and the last name "Sommers" in a more straightforward cursive script.

DIXIE SOMMERS

Assistant Commissioner

Office of Occupational Statistics
and Employment Projections