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The DoD Ergonomics Working Group is pleased to announce the Keynote Speaker for their 2nd Annual Ergonomics Conference, **Forging Ahead: Preventing Work Related Musculoskeletal Disorders**, at the Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, Virginia, 29-30 April, 2002:

Gary L. Visscher Deputy Assistant Secretary Occupational Safety and Health Administration U.S. Department of Labor

"I am delighted to welcome Gary as a Deputy Assistant Secretary here at OSHA," said Assistant Secretary John L. Henshaw in November 2001. "His valuable experience on Capitol Hill, as well as his long history of involvement with safety and health issues, will strengthen and improve the operation of OSHA and help the agency do a better job of protecting American workers and employers."

Gary Visscher was appointed to the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on November 26, 2001.

Prior to his appointment at OSHA, Gary was Vice President, Employee Relations for the American Iron and Steel Institute in Washington, D.C. AISI is a trade association of major steel companies in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

From 1999-2000, Gary served as a Commissioner on Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC). The Commission is a three-member body, appointed by the President, which adjudicates OSHA citations and penalties when contested by an employer.

Prior to serving as a Commissioner at OSHRC, Gary served for 14 years as a legislative staff person for the U.S. House of Representatives. From 1985 to 1989, he served as Legislative Director for former Rep. Paul B. Henry (R-Michigan). From 1989 to 1999, he served on the professional staff of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, where he worked on a variety of workforce issues, including occupational safety and health.



This conference is jointly sponsored by the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) and the DoD Ergonomics Working Group. USUHS is accredited by the American College of Health Care Executives, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation to provide continuing education for health care executives, physicians and nurses, respectively.

The registration fee, which includes your meals, is \$300 for Government attendees and \$400 for industry attendees. Go to <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/ergowg/conference/> for detailed information on registration and the agenda, speakers, exhibitors, continuing education credits, and hotel.