

Securities and Exchange Commission

Secretary to the Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations. Effective March 15, 2000.

Small Business Administration

Senior Advisor for Communications and Public Liaison to the Associate Administrator for Marketing and Customer Service. Effective March 9, 2000.

Press Officer and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Public Communications. Effective March 27, 2000.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Staff Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective March 8, 2000.

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Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Thursday, June 22, 2000

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members

may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415; (202) 606-1500.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

John F. Leyden,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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Science and Technology (S&T) Laboratory Personnel Management Demonstration Project, Department of the Army, U.S. Army Engineer Research & Development Center (ERDC)

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice of change to reduction-in-force (RIF) procedures to recognize performance based on the average of the last three annual performance scores in the most recent 4-year period as a criterion to establish retention registers.

SUMMARY: 5 U.S.C. 4703 authorizes OPM to conduct demonstration projects that experiment with new and different personnel management concepts to determine whether such changes in personnel policy or procedures would

result in improved Federal personnel management.

Public Law 103-337, October 5, 1994, permits the Department of Defense (DoD), with the approval of OPM, to carry out personnel demonstration projects at S&T Reinvention Laboratories. This notice identifies a revision to the ERDC plan where an average of three annual performance scores is used instead of a single performance score to determine an employee's retention standing in a reduction in force.

DATES: This revision to the ERDC demonstration project will be implemented May 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ERDC: Dr. C.H. Pennington, U.S. Army Engineer Research & Development Center, ATTN: CEERD-ZT-E, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180-6199, phone 601-634-3549.

OPM: Ms. Joan M. Jorgenson, U. S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW Room 7458, Washington, DC 20415, phone 202-606-1315.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

OPM approved and published the final plan in the **Federal Register** for the following S&T Reinvention Laboratory Demonstration Project.

A. U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) final publication on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, Volume 63, Number 41, Part IV.

WES correction and re-publication on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, Volume 63, Number 57, Part V.

B. Publication of amendment to expand coverage of the WES project to include the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory, and Topographic Engineering Center. Published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, October 16, 1998, Volume 63, Number 200, Part V.

Note: The WES demonstration project was renamed the ERDC demonstration project following consolidation of the Army Corps of Engineers' laboratories.

C. Publication of an amendment to include competitive examining and Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Appointment authorities as part of the ERDC plan. Published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, March 11, 1999, Volume 64, Number 47, Part II.

This demonstration project involves simplified job classification, pay banding, a performance-based compensation system, employee development provisions, and modified RIF procedures.