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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 351

RIN 3206-A109

Reduction in Force Service Credit

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Correction to final regulations.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a correction to the final regulations that were published on Wednesday, April 7, 1999. This correction covers service credit for reduction in force purposes.

DATES: These regulations are effective May 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Glennon or Jacqui R. Yeatman at (202) 606-0960, FAX (202) 606-2329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 7, 1999, OPM published final regulations (64 FR 16797) that cover the crediting of civilian and uniformed service for purposes of reduction in force competition under part 351 of this title. These regulations are effective on May 7, 1999.

The final regulations contained a typographical error that resulted in the inadvertent omission of a cross-reference to § 351.504(e) in final § 351.503(c)(3), and in final § 351.503(e). These corrections do not make a substantive change in the procedures that agencies use in determining employees' retention standing.

Reason for Correction

1. Final § 351.503(c)(1) provides that the agency is responsible for determining an employee's retention service computation date. Final § 351.503(c)(2) provides that an employee's retention service

computation date includes all actual creditable civilian and uniformed service, as authorized under final §§ 351.503 (a) and (b). Final § 351.503(c)(3) provides that an employee's adjusted retention service computation date includes both the employee's actual service creditable service, and additional retention service credit for performance. As published, final § 351.503(c)(3) contains a reference to § 351.504(d), which covers the amount of additional retention service credit awarded to competing employees covered by a single rating pattern. However, final § 351.503(c)(3) inadvertently omitted a reference to § 351.504(e), which covers additional retention reference credit awarded to competing employees covered by multiple rating patterns. This document corrects that omission.

2. Final § 351.503(e) covers how the agency calculates the adjusted retention service date. As published, final § 351.503(e) contains a reference to § 351.504(d), which covers the amount of additional retention service credit awarded to competing employees covered by a single rating pattern, but inadvertently omits a reference to § 351.504(e), which covers additional retention reference credit awarded to competing employees covered by multiple rating patterns. This document corrects that omission.

Correction

In rule document 99-8587 beginning on page 16797 in the issue of Wednesday, April 7, 1999, make the following corrections:

On page 16800, in the third column, correct § 351.503(c)(3) and § 351.503(e) to read as follows:

§ 351.503 Length of service.

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(c) * * *

(3) The adjusted service computation date includes all actual creditable service under paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of this section, and additional retention service credit for performance authorized by §§ 351.504 (d) and (e).

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(e) The adjusted service computation date is calculated by subtracting from the date in paragraph (d)(1) or (d)(2) of this section the additional service credit for retention authorized by §§ 351.504 (d) and (e).

Office of Personnel Management.

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Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

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Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in Survey Cycle for the Southwestern Michigan Appropriated Fund Wage Area

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to change the full-scale survey cycle of the Southwestern Michigan appropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area from odd to even-numbered fiscal years. This change is being made to help even out the local wage survey workload of the Department of Defense (DOD), which recently assumed responsibility for conducting all Federal Wage System surveys.

DATES: This interim rule is effective on June 2, 1999. Comments must be received on or before June 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Administration, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, FAX: (202) 606-0824, or email to payleave@opm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Defense has requested that the Office of Personnel Management change the survey cycle for full-scale wage surveys in the Southwestern Michigan wage area from odd to even-numbered fiscal years. Under § 532.207 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, the scheduling of wage surveys takes into consideration the best timing in relation to wage