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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AI68

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

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to change the full-scale survey cycle for 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.

DATE: This final rule is effective on November 1, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 3, 1999, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published an interim rule (64 FR 23531) to change the full-scale survey cycle for the Southwestern Michigan wage area from odd to even-numbered fiscal years. The interim regulation had a 30-day public comment period, during which OPM received no comments. The interim rule is therefore being made final. Under section 532.207 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, the scheduling of wage surveys takes into consideration the best timing in relation to wage adjustments in the principal local private enterprise establishments, reasonable distribution of workload of the lead agency, timing of surveys for nearby or selected wage areas, and

scheduling relationships with other pay surveys.

This change is being made to help even out the Department of Defense's (DOD's) wage survey workload and stems from DOD's recent acquisition of lead agency responsibility for 23 Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas from the Department of Veterans Affairs. DOD requested that a full-scale wage survey for the Southwestern Michigan wage area be conducted in October 1999 and that a wage change survey be conducted in October 2000. The timing of the Southwestern Michigan wage survey relative to private sector wage adjustments will remain unchanged.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, reviewed and concurred by consensus with this change.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

Accordingly, under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 5343, the interim rule (64 FR 23531) amending 5 CFR part 532 published on May 3, 1999, is adopted as final with no changes.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AI74

Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Eastern South Dakota and Wyoming Appropriated Fund Wage Areas

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule that will redefine Jackson County, South Dakota, from the area of application of the Eastern South Dakota appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area to the area of application of the Wyoming wage area, and redefine Teton County, Wyoming, from the area of application of the Wyoming FWS wage area to the area of application of the Montana wage area. The redefinition of Jackson County will place all of Badlands National Park in one wage area and the redefinition of Teton County will place employees at Grand Teton National Park on the same wage schedule as employees at the nearby Yellowstone National Park.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This regulation is effective on November 1, 1999.

Applicability Date: This regulation applies on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after October 1, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 23, 1999, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a proposed rule (64 FR 33427) to redefine Jackson County, South Dakota, from the area of application of the Eastern South Dakota appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area to the area of application of the Wyoming wage area and to redefine Teton County, Wyoming, from the area of application of the Wyoming wage area to the area of application of the Montana wage area. Under section 5343 of title 5, United States Code, OPM is responsible for defining wage areas. For this purpose, we follow the regulatory criteria established in section 532.211 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC), the statutory national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended by consensus that we redefine Jackson County, South Dakota, and Teton County, Wyoming. FPRAC found no compelling reasons to make other changes in the Eastern South Dakota and Wyoming FWS wage areas.