

■ 2. Section 1327.5 is amended by revising paragraph (d)(2) to read as follows:

§ 1327.5 Conditions for becoming a participating State.

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(2) Any request made by a Federal department or agency may include, in lieu of the actual information described in paragraphs (d)(1)(iii) through (v) of this section, a certification that a written consent was signed and dated by the individual or the individual's legal representative, specifically stated that the authorization is valid only for the duration of the personnel security investigation, and specifically stated that it is recommended, but not required, that the authorized recipient of the information verify matches with the State of Record.

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Issued on: April 12, 2006.

Jacqueline Glassman,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

28 CFR Part 0

[Docket No. OAG 113; AG Order No. 2811-2006]

Office of the Attorney General; Establishment of the Office on Violence Against Women

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule updates the Department of Justice (DOJ) organizational regulations to reflect the establishment of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) as a separate and distinct office within the DOJ. OVW carries out the duties of the Department of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Pub. L. 103-322) and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Pub. L. 104-386), and any other duties otherwise authorized by law, or assigned to it or delegated to it by the Attorney General. This rule sets forth the duties of the Director of OVW. This rule also reflects the continued applicability to OVW of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) regulations that apply to components of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and which were

therefore previously applied to OVW when it was part of OJP.

DATES: This rule is effective April 18, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 402(3) of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107-273, Division A, Title IV, 116 Stat.1758 (Nov. 2, 2002)), provided for the establishment of OVW as a separate and distinct office within the Department of Justice, to be headed by a director, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director of OVW is responsible, under the general authority of the Attorney General, for the administration, coordination, and implementation of the programs and activities of OVW. Specifically, the Director is responsible for carrying out the functions of the Department of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Pub. L. 103-322) and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of Pub. L. 104-386), and exercising such other powers and functions as may be vested in the Director pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3796gg *et seq.*, or by delegation of the Attorney General, 42 U.S.C. 3796gg-0-42 U.S.C. 3796gg-0b. Under the authority of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, the Attorney General directed the separation of OVW from OJP, its former parent organization within the Department.

Because OVW was formerly an office within OJP, regulations applicable to OJP were applicable to OVW. This rule reflects the continued applicability to OVW of certain procedures issued pursuant to the NEPA, found in 28 CFR part 61, Appendix D, which are applicable to OJP (the regulation refers to the Office of Justice Assistance, Research and Statistics, which was the predecessor to OJP), and were, therefore, applicable to OVW before it was separated from OJP. No substantive changes are being made to the regulation, and the continued applicability of the regulation to OVW will not add or remove any substantive rights or obligations of OVW grantees or cooperative agreement recipients. It is only because of the reorganization of the Department of Justice that the NEPA regulation, by its express terms, makes no reference to OVW. This rule clarifies that the NEPA regulation will continue

to apply to OVW. OVW effectuates other regulatory requirements through grant conditions with which the grantees agree to comply.

Administrative Procedure Act 5 U.S.C. 553

This rule is a rule of agency organization and is therefore exempt from the notice requirement of 5 U.S.C. 553(b). This rule is effective upon publication.

Executive Order 12866

This action has been drafted and reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866 Regulatory Planning and Review, section 1(b), Principles of Regulation. This rule is limited to agency organization, management, and personnel as described by Executive Order 12866 section 3(d)(3) and, therefore, is not a "regulation" or "rule" as defined by that Executive Order. Accordingly, this action has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 13132

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, Federalism, the Department has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Executive Order 12988

This rule meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 804. This rule will not result in an annual effect

on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets.

This action pertains to agency management, personnel, and organization and does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. Accordingly, it is not a "rule" for purposes of the reporting requirement of 5 U.S.C. 801.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Attorney General, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), has reviewed this regulation and by approving it certifies that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it pertains to personnel and administrative matters affecting the Department. Further, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was not required to be prepared for this final rule since the Department was not required to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking for this matter.

List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 0

Authority delegations (government agencies), Government employees, Organization and functions (government agencies), Whistleblowing.

■ Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Attorney General, including 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 509 and 510, Chapter I of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 0—ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 0 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510, 515–519.

§ 0.1 [Amended]

■ 2. Revise § 0.1 by adding at the end of the list under "Offices" the title "Office on Violence Against Women."

■ 3. Add Subpart U–2 to Part 0, to read as follows:

Subpart U–2—Office on Violence Against Women

Sec.

0.122 Office on Violence Against Women.

§ 0.122 Office on Violence Against Women.

(a) The Director, Office on Violence Against Women, under the general authority of the Attorney General, shall:

(1) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions described in section 402(3) of title IV of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107–273); and

(2) Perform such other duties and functions relating to such duties as may be authorized by law or assigned or delegated by the Attorney General, consistent with constitutional limits on the Federal Government's authority to act in this area.

(b) Departmental regulations set forth in 28 CFR part 61, Appendix D, applicable to the Office of Justice Programs, shall apply with equal force and effect to the Office on Violence Against Women, with references to the Office of Justice Assistance, Research and Statistics, and its components, in such regulations deemed to refer to the Office on Violence Against Women, as appropriate.

Dated: April 12, 2006.

Alberto R. Gonzales,
Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 64

[DoD–2006–OS–0022]

[RIN 0790–AH92]

Management and Mobilization of Regular and Reserve Retired Military Members

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Interim final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes uniform policy and guidance governing the peacetime management of retired military personnel, both Regular and Reserve, in preparation for their use during a mobilization. It impacts non-DoD organizations that have DoD-related missions, such as the Department of Homeland Security and the Selective Service System, and non-DoD organizations that have North Atlantic Treaty Organization-related missions, under agreements with those non-DoD organizations and advises all federal agency managers of the possible use of military retirees who may be in their employment as civilians.

DATES: This rule is effective April 18, 2006. Comments must be received by June 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that 32 CFR part 64 is not a significant regulatory action. The rule does not:

(1) Have an annual effect to the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a section of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;

(2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency;

(3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof;

or

(4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Sec. 202, Pub. L. 104–4)

It has been certified that this rule does not contain a Federal mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year.