UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice PM-2654**

For: RMA Employees

Announcing New Length of Service (LOS) Keepsake Program

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1 Overview

A Background

LOS awards are given to recognize an employee's Federal service. Employees will be recognized at 5 years of service and at each 5-year increment thereafter. A variety of keepsakes have been stocked to cover 5 to 40 years of service.

Pending funding availability, keepsakes for employees reaching 45 or more years of service should be purchased and personalized by the local office.

B Purpose

This notice announces the new RMA LOS Program which includes the addition of keepsakes.

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2 Procedure for Keepsake Program

A Employees Covered

All RMA Federal employees are covered by the LOS Keepsake Program.

B LOS Keepsakes

The following provides a list of available LOS keepsakes.

Years of Service	Keepsake	Warehouse Item Number
5	Letter Opener with Slip Case	853
10	Business Card Paperweight	836
15	Piazza Crystal Box	837
20	Jade Glass Pen with Stand	849
25	Jade Angle Clock	839
30	Balmaral Crystal Vase	852
35	Golosina Crystal Jar with Lid	851
40	Marbled Wing Clock	850

C LOS Keepsakes for 45+ Years of Service

Offices may spend up to \$200 per employee for a keepsake that recognizes 45 or more years of service pending funding availability.

- The keepsake must be something that the recipient could reasonably be expected to value, but not something that conveys a sense of monetary value.
- The keepsake must have a lasting value as a symbol of excellence.
- The keepsake must clearly symbolize the employer-employee relationship in some fashion.
- The keepsake must take an appropriate form to be:
 - used in the public sector
 - purchased with public funds.

Example: Purchasing a firearm would be inappropriate.

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2 Procedure for Keepsake Program (Continued)

D Ordering Procedures

The keepsakes will be

- maintained by HRD in the National Office and Kansas City
- sent to offices with the signed LOS certificate on a quarterly basis.

E Contacts

The following provides contacts for questions about the LOS Keepsake Program.

IF the supervisor is located in	THEN contact HRD
any RMA Office (except Kansas City)	Employee Programs Branch at 202-401-0682,
	202-401-0694, or TTY at 202-205-9057
Kansas City	Kansas City Human Resource Office at
	816-926-6117 or TTY at 800-735-2966.

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