

held on a permanent basis in the competitive service and did not lose because of performance or conduct reasons.

(20) The voluntary transfer of employees from one agency to another under a Memorandum of Understanding or similar type of agreement when both agencies and the affected employees agree to the transfer.

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§ 330.706 Notification of displaced employees.

(a) In addition to meeting the requirements of § 330.602(a)(1)(iv) and § 330.607(a), at the time it issues a specific RIF separation notice or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area, an agency must give each of its eligible employees information in writing about the special selection priority available to them under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan. Such information must contain guidance to the employee on how to apply for vacancies under the ICTAP, and what documentation is generally required as proof of eligibility.

(b) Agencies must take reasonable steps to ensure eligible employees are notified of all vacancies the agency is filling and what is required for them to be determined well-qualified for the vacancies.

(c) Each agency is required to advise, in writing, ICTAP candidates who apply for specific vacancies within its local commuting area of the results of their application, and whether or not they were found well-qualified. If they are not found well-qualified, such notice must include information on the results of an independent, second review conducted by the agency. If an applicant is found well-qualified, and another well-qualified surplus or displaced candidate is selected, the applicant must be so advised.

§ 330.707 Reporting vacancies to OPM.

(a) Agencies are required to report all competitive service vacancies to OPM when accepting applications from out-

side the agency (including applications for temporary positions lasting 121 or more days), except when they elect to fill a position by the transfer or reassignment of an ICTAP eligible from another agency.

(b) *Content.* Notice to OPM of job announcements must include the position title, location, pay plan and grade (or pay rate) of the vacant position; application deadline; and other information specified by OPM. In addition, for all positions reported, agencies are required to provide OPM with an electronic file of the complete vacancy announcement or recruiting bulletin, which must contain:

(1) Title, series, pay plan, and grade (or pay rate);

(2) Duty location;

(3) Open and closing dates, plus any other information dealing with how application receipt will be controlled, such as the use of early cut-off dates;

(4) Name of issuing agency and announcement number;

(5) Qualification requirements, including knowledges, skills, and abilities;

(6) Entrance pay;

(7) Brief description of duties;

(8) Basis of rating;

(9) What to file;

(10) Instructions on how to apply;

(11) Information on how to claim veterans' preference, if applicable;

(12) The agency's definition of well-qualified and information on how CTAP and/or ICTAP candidates may apply, including proof of eligibility required; and

(13) Equal employment opportunity statement.

(14) Reasonable accommodation statement.

(i) An agency may use wording of its choice that conveys the availability of reasonable accommodation. An agency must not list types of medical conditions or impairments as appropriate for accommodation, and must keep the wording simple.

(ii) We recommend using the following statement:

"This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the

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agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.”

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§ 330.708 Application and selection.

(a) *Application.*

(1) To receive this special selection priority, eligible employees must apply directly to agencies for specific vacancies in the local commuting area within the prescribed time frames, attach the appropriate proof of eligibility as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and be determined well-qualified by the agency for the specific position.

(2) Employees may submit the following as proof of eligibility for the special selection priority:

(i) RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area;

(ii) Documentation, e.g., SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, showing that they were separated as a result of reduction in force, or for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area;

(iii) Official certification from an agency stating that it cannot place an individual whose injury compensation has been or is being terminated;

(iv) Official notification from OPM that an individual's disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or

(v) Official notification from the Military Department or National Guard Bureau that the employee has retired under 5 U.S.C. 8337(h) or 8456.

(b) Selection. In making selections, an agency will adhere to the overall order of selection set forth in § 330.705. In addition, the following apply:

(1) An agency cannot select another candidate from outside the agency if eligible employees are available for the vacancy or vacancies.

(2) If two or more eligible employees apply for a vacancy and are determined to be well-qualified, any of these eligible employees may be selected.

(3) If no eligible employees apply or none is deemed well-qualified, the agency may select another candidate without regard to this subpart. (This flexibility does not apply to selections

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made from the agency's Reemployment Priority List as described in subpart B of this part.)

(c) An agency may select a candidate from its Career Transition Assistance Plan or Reemployment Priority List, as described in subparts F and B of this part respectively, or another current agency employee (if no eligible employees are available through its CTAP) at any time.

§ 330.709 Qualification reviews.

Agencies will ensure that a documented, independent second review is conducted whenever an otherwise eligible employee is found to be not well-qualified. The applicant must be advised in writing of the results of the second review.

§ 330.710 [Reserved]

§ 330.711 Oversight.

OPM is responsible for oversight of the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan for Displaced Employees and may conduct reviews of agency activity at any time.

Subpart H–I [Reserved]

Subpart J—Prohibited Practices

§ 330.1001 Withdrawal from competition.

An applicant for competitive examination, an eligible on a register, and an officer or employee in the executive branch of the Government shall not persuade, induce, or coerce, or attempt to persuade, induce, or coerce, directly or indirectly, a prospective applicant to withhold filing application, or an applicant or eligible to withdraw from competition or eligibility, for a position in the competitive service, for the purpose of improving or injuring the prospects of an applicant or eligible for appointment. OPM shall cancel the application or eligibility of an applicant or eligible who violates this section, and shall impose such other penalty as it considers appropriate.

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