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To: Subscribers of *EmpowHR*

This bulletin is being issued to announce the availability of Release Notes for the *EmpowHR* Release for Calendar Year 2012, Pay Period 20. The Release Notes provide an overall summary of the changes implemented by the National Finance Center (NFC) in Pay Period 20, 2012 (See the attached *EmpowHR* 12-4, Pay Period 20 Release Notes).

To view Release Notes, go to *NFC's Home Page* (<http://www.nfc.usda.gov>) and click the Publications link at the top of the page. At the *Publications* page right-hand menu, click *EmpowHR Release Notes*.

For questions about *EmpowHR* processing, contact the *EmpowHR* Help Desk at **1-888-367-6955**.

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## EmpowHR 12-4, Pay Period 20 Release Notes

Effective Pay Period 20, 2012 (September 23, 2012), the following changes will be implemented in *EmpowHR*. A high-level summary of the changes is reflected in the table below. The detailed documentation of these changes can be found in the *EmpowHR* procedure manual. To view the procedure, go to the *National Finance Center's Home Page* (<http://www.nfc.usda.gov>) and click the **Publications** tab. Then on the right-hand Quick Picks menu, click **Procedures by Acronym**, and search alphabetically for *EmpowHR*.

The summary table references the Software Change Request number, the project number, and a brief description of the change.

<i>EmpowHR</i>		
Project Number	Project Title	Description of the Change
10103/212378	<i>EmpowHR</i> FEGLI Coverage Amount Field Modification	To allow for sending and receiving of the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Coverage Amount field on personnel actions.
10743/214747	USDA/RD Remove Lock on Standard Text Box	To provide editing capability for the mandatory Elements and Standards fields loaded into an employee's Performance Plan.
228265	Employee Changed from SES to GS Should Not Receive Locality	To modify <i>EmpowHR</i> to cease computing the current locality rate when Pay Rate Determinant (PRD) = S for Senior Executive Service (SES) employees converting to the General Schedule (GS).
90574/217128	Add Employee Work Email to OPM EHRI Status Record and to EPP	To provide the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) with the Employee Work Email Address on the Enterprise Human Resources Integration (EHRI) Retirement System Modernization (RSM) data element status record submission (This is being done for Document Type 444, EHRI RSM Elemnt.).