

460th Space Wing

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460 SW Commander's Call & Town Hall



Owner: 460 FSS/FSMC



Overview

- MiCare Enrollment
- Continued Budget Uncertainty
- Near-Term Actions to Preserve O&M Funding
- Civilian Hiring Freeze
- Official Sources of Information
- SW/CC's Closing Comments



FY13 Budget Uncertainty

- Two sources of budget uncertainty require immediate action to reduce the rate we're spending money
 - Continuing Resolution Authority-Thru 27 Mar 13 (could be extended to 30 Sep)
 - Limits DOD budget to Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 levels though most operating funds were planned to increase in FY13
 - No new starts
 - Sequestration aka Fiscal Cliff
 - Deferred from 2 Jan 13 to 1 Mar 13
 - Legislation revoked "tax holiday" increasing Social Security withholding tax from 4.2% back to 6.2%
 - DOD would be required to take \$500B budget cut over next 10 years
 - AF to take a \$5.3B cut in Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget in FY13
 - 460 SW O&M reduction as much as \$3.6M or 17%
 - Leaves DOD w/ half a FY to execute a full FY's worth of reductions if implemented
- Projected FY13 \$1.8B shortfall in AF funding for overseas contingency operations (OCO)
 - 460 SW may have to cover \$4M OCO bill increasing our overall FY13 redux to 35%



Near-Term Actions to Preserve O&M Funding

- AF is directed to reduce/slow spending across all appropriations
 - Minimize harmful effects on our people and unit readiness
 - Implement actions that are <u>reversible</u> or <u>recoverable</u> to avoid impact to core readiness
- Near-term actions to reduce spending include:
 - Cancel all TDYs that are not mission critical, such as conferences, staff assistance visits, and training seminars
 - Limit supply purchases to essential consumption and stop purchases that are not mission critical, such as furniture, IT refresh, and unit equipment
 - Defer non-emergency Facility Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization projects (le. painting, carpeting, remodeling, etc)
 - Adjust period of performance on contracts to cover FY13 only
 - Implement civilian hiring restrictions



What Does This Mean For Us? Immediate Actions

- Immediate actions 460 SW is implementing:
 - TDYs Only mission critical TDYs are authorized
 - 460 SW/CC is approval authority for ALL TDYs
 - No conferences, no staff assistance visits, limited training
 - Test: If you can do your job tomorrow without going TDY today, it's not mission critical
 - Supply Purchases Limited to FY13 needs only
 - Stop minor purchases such as furniture, IT refresh & unit equipment
 - Approval authority for GPC purchases <\$3K is group CC</p>
 - Supply purchases >\$3K require 460 SW/CC or CV approval
 - Utilize the Unit-Purchased Supply Surplus (UPSS) tool



Why Unit-Purchased Supply Surplus (UPSS)?

- Directed by Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- Excerpt from FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services
 - "Agency Inventories" are the #1 required source <u>before</u> purchasing new
 - Never had a tool to see what was available
 - UPSS is that tool!
- Ever-tightening budgets
 - Save money by using what's already available within wing
- Saved \$8,984 in 2 months with just a handful of users!
 - That's \$9K more available for other priorities



Accessing the Supply List

- From 460 SW SharePoint, Select "Unit Purchase Supply Surplus (UPSS)" under "Discussions"

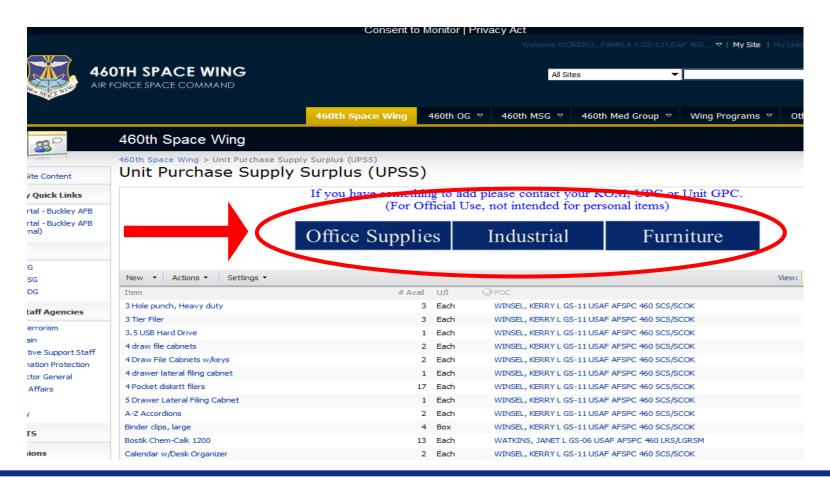




Narrowing the Search

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-Click on the Button for the category meeting your supply needs.





What's Yet To Come with UPSS?

- AFSO21 Facilitators will be coming to each unit to assist with 6S (Sort, Straighten, Sweep, Standardize, Sustain, and Safety) events in your facilities
 - Purpose: Dig through the closets, cabinets, and drawers to see what you have and identify the excess
 - Outcome: Organize and track what you keep, and list the rest on the UPSS page
- The savings go on and on...



What Does This Mean For Us? Near-Term Actions

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- Near-term, we're planning for implementation of the following:
 - Deferring non-emergency Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (FSRM) projects
 - Identifying contracts that can be descoped, cut short or eliminated
 - Will protect quality of life programs as much as possible

If we're hit with a 17%-35% budget cut... we WILL feel it and it WILL hurt



How Can You Help?

- It's time to start pinching pennies
 - "Make do" with what you have
 - Treat every piece of equipment as if it were your own
 - Keep track of what you need, even if you can't buy it right now
 - Be energy conscious
 - Be creative Identify areas of potential savings to your chain of command for consideration & possible implementation
 - Stay informed
 - Have patience



Civilian Hiring Freeze

- USECAF memo dtd 14 Jan 13, and AF/A1 memo dtd 16 Jan 13, directs an <u>immediate</u> hiring freeze for APF civilian positions
 - Helps reduce expenditure rate and mitigate budget execution risks
 - Minimize impacts to our permanent civilian employees
- AFPC issued operational guidance on 24 Jan 13
 - Promotion and reassignment actions for current permanent AF civilian employees may continue
 - External recruitment restricted, unless exception approved
 - Temporary and reemployed annuitants will be released unless positions are approved as mission critical
 - Term employees will complete their current appointment; extensions require exception approval



AF Hiring Freeze Guidance How might this affect me?

- Vacancy Announcements/Referral Certificates
 - Limited to "Internal" candidates
 - Current AF permanent civilian employees eligible for promotion and reassignments
 - All "External" announcements and/or selections restricted
 - External candidates are defined as veterans, federal civilian employees outside of AF, reinstatement, and US citizen candidates
 - Exception must be approved by AFSPC/CV



AF Hiring Freeze Guidance How might this affect me?

- Selections
 - Most job offers made on or before 16 Jan 13 will continue
 - Internal (current AF permanent civilian employees)
 selections may continue i.e. promotion and reassignment
- Priority Placement Program (PPP)
 - Most vacancies still subject to PPP matches
- Classification
 - Continues as usual
 - When classification is complete, RPA is sent back to base, unless approval authority provided hire freeze exception or limited only to internal candidates i.e. current AF permanent civilians



AF Hiring Freeze Guidance How might this affect me?

- Benefits and Entitlements Service Team (BEST)
 - Continues to work actions i.e. retirement, FEHB, FEGLI, TSP, as usual
 - Employees who have already submitted a Retirement application and want to change the effective date of retirement or withdraw their retirement, need to obtain leadership and CPS concurrence



Official Sources of Information

- 17 JAN 2013 AF New Press Hire Freeze Release: http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332903
- Department of Defense News: http://www.defense.gov/
- OPM Supplemental Guidance for Sequestration and Administrative Furloughs: http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance/supplemental-guidance-administrative-furloughs.pdf
- MyPERS Furlough Home Page: https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/categories/p/1,2/c/1108
- OPM Pay & Leave: Furlough web-page: http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance/
- MyPERS RIF Home Page: https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/18482
- OPM RIF Resources for Employees:
 http://archive.opm.gov/Reduction_In_Force/employee_resources/index.asp



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