

Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB No. 3206–0262). The *Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012* (Pub. L. 112–96, Section 5001), made two significant changes to the Federal Employees’ Retirement System (FERS). First, beginning in 2013, new employees (as designated in the statute) will have to pay significantly higher employee contributions, an increase of 2.3 percent of salary. Second, new Members of Congress and Congressional employees, in addition to paying higher retirement contributions, will accrue retirement benefits at the same rate as regular employees. New employees affected by this law will be classified in a new retirement category; the Federal Employees’ Retirement System—Revised Annuity Employees (FERS–RAE). The current Standard Form 2812, Standard Form 2812–A, and OPM Form 1523, have been changed to reflect this additional category.

Reinstatement will allow continued use of the collection and an additional 180 days to complete the full Paperwork Reduction Act approval process. The Office of Personnel Management is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**Analysis**

*Agency:* Trust Fund Management of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Personnel Management.

*Title:* (1) Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits, Life Insurance and Retirement (Standard Form 2812); (2) Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits by Enrollment Code (Standard Form 2812–A); (3) Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report (OPM Form 1523).

*OMB Number:* 3206–0262.

*Frequency:* Semiannually for OPM Form 1523 and once-per-pay-period for Standard Form 2812 and Standard Form 2812–A.

*Affected Public:* Public Entities with Federal Employees and Retirees.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 30 Minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2700.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Excepted Service; August 2017**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from August 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/). OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

**Schedule A**

No schedule A authorities to report during August 2017.

**Schedule B**

No schedule B authorities to report during August 2017.

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during August 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs.	DA170172	08/03/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	White House Liaison .....	DA170173	08/03/2017
	Office of Communications .....	Speechwriter .....	DA170174	08/09/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ..	Office of Rural Housing Service	Press Assistant .....	DA170175	08/09/2017
	Office of Assistant Secretary Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.	State Director—Idaho .....	DA170185	08/30/2017
		Confidential Assistant .....	DC170155	08/04/2017
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION.	Office of Commissioners .....	Special Assistant (Legal) (2) .....	PS170005	08/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Office of the Secretary of Defense	Special Assistant (Legislative Affairs).	PS170006	08/30/2017
		Advance Officer (2) .....	DD170175	08/04/2017
			DD170139	08/30/2017
			DD170222	08/31/2017
		Director, Travel Operations .....	DD170203	08/04/2017
	Director of Operations/Confidential Assistant.	DD170205	08/04/2017	

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia.	DD170208	08/04/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security).	Special Assistant for Middle East ..	DD170209	08/04/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/ Low Intensity Conflict).	Special Assistant for Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance.	DD170216	08/04/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs.	DD170217	08/04/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).	Special Assistant for Middle East ..	DD170212	08/08/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.	DD170215	08/09/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).	Special Assistant (South and Southeast Asia).	DD170219	08/25/2017
	Office Assistant Secretary Army (Financial Management and Comptroller).	Special Assistant for Acquisition ....	DD170221	08/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller).	Special Assistant (Financial Management and Comptroller).	DW170026	08/25/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY .....	Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy.	Special Assistant .....	DN170020	08/17/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).	Special Assistant .....	DN170022	08/17/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment).	Special Assistant (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).	DN170024	08/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ..	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment).	DN170025	08/29/2017
	Office of the General Counsel .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170135	08/02/2017
	Office of Communications and Outreach.	Special Assistant (2) .....	DB170136	08/04/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary .....	Attorney Adviser .....	DB170138	08/17/2017
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY .....	Office of the Deputy Secretary .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170132	08/07/2017
	Office of Scheduling and Advance	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170134	08/11/2017
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Special Assistant (Supervisory) .....	DB170139	08/25/2017
	Office of Management .....	Special Advisor .....	DE170196	08/08/2017
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.	Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education.	Director of Advance .....	DE170200	08/10/2017
	Office of the Chairman .....	Writer-Editor (Chief Speechwriter)	DE170203	08/30/2017
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.	Office of Great Lakes Region .....	Special Assistant .....	DE170207	08/30/2017
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.	Office of Federal Acquisition Service.	Associate Administrator for the Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education.	EP170082	08/09/2017
	Office of the Administrator .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DR170007	08/28/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of the Secretary .....	Senior Advisor .....	GS170036	08/04/2017
	Office of Administration for Children and Families.	Senior Advisor .....	GS170043	08/04/2017
	Office of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	Special Assistant .....	GS170048	08/30/2017
	Office of Global Affairs .....	Advisor, Scheduling Operations ....	DH170270	08/02/2017
	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Trip Coordinator .....	DH170271	08/02/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Deputy Director of Advance .....	DH170302	08/09/2017
		Director of Scheduling and Advance.	DH170294	08/02/2017
		Special Advisor .....	DH170277	08/02/2017
		Policy Advisor .....	DH170306	08/04/2017
		Policy Advisor .....	DH170320	08/22/2017
		Chief of Staff .....	DH170307	08/25/2017
		Advisor for External Affairs .....	DH170308	08/25/2017
		Press Assistant (Regional Media)	DH170316	08/28/2017

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Deputy Press Secretary .....	DM170245	08/04/2017	
	Office of United States Customs and Border Protection.	Press Secretary .....	DM170215	08/11/2017	
	Office of Domestic Nuclear Detection.	Program Analyst .....	DM170253	08/17/2017	
	Office of the General Counsel .....	Special Assistant .....	DM170269	08/30/2017	
	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Oversight Counsel .....	DM170260	08/29/2017	
	Office of Federal Emergency Management Agency.	Confidential Assistant .....	DM170264	08/29/2017	
		Press Secretary .....	DM170275	08/29/2017	
	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DU170149	08/04/2017
		Senior Advisor .....	DU170166	08/18/2017	
Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.		Director of Faith Based .....	DU170158	08/04/2017	
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.		Special Assistant .....	DU170159	08/04/2017	
Office of the Deputy Secretary .....		Special Assistant .....	DU170160	08/11/2017	
		Scheduler .....	DU170161	08/22/2017	
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.		Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations.	DU170126	08/15/2017	
Office of Policy Development and Research.		Special Policy Advisor .....	DU170172	08/17/2017	
Office of Public Affairs .....		Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	DU170170	08/18/2017	
		Senior Advisor .....	DU170173	08/18/2017	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE .....	Office of the Administration .....	Senior Advisor .....	DU170165	08/22/2017	
	Office of Civil Division .....	Counsel .....	DJ170154	08/04/2017	
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Policy Advisor .....	DL170082	08/09/2017	
	Office of the Solicitor .....	Counsel .....	DL170087	08/09/2017	
	Office of Wage and Hour Division	Senior Policy Advisor .....	DL170074	08/17/2017	
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Communications Director .....	DL170078	08/30/2017	
		Staff Assistant .....	DL170083	08/30/2017	
	Office of the Secretary .....	White House Liaison .....	DL170088	08/30/2017	
	Office of the Chief Financial Officer	Policy Analyst .....	NN170048	08/11/2017	
	NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.	National Endowment for the Humanities.	Director of Communications .....	NH170005	08/09/2017
			Director of Congressional Affairs ...	NH170008	08/22/2017
			Senior Advisor .....	NH170006	08/24/2017
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.	Office of the Director .....	Advisor .....	BO170087	08/24/2017	
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Office of Legislative Affairs .....	Public Affairs Specialist (Press Secretary).	QQ170010	08/17/2017	
		Program Support Specialist .....	QQ170012	08/30/2017	
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.	Office of Government Contracting and Business Development.	Special Advisor .....	SB170052	08/04/2017	
	Office of Communications and Public Liaison.	Press Secretary .....	SB170051	08/22/2017	
DEPARTMENT OF STATE .....	Office of the Chief of Protocol .....	Protocol Officer (Visits) .....	DS170191	08/25/2017	
	Office of the Under Secretary for Management.	Special Assistant .....	DS170135	08/30/2017	
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.	Office of the Deputy Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DS170190	08/30/2017	
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.	Associate Director for Public Engagement.	DT170144	08/09/2017	
	Office of the Administrator .....	Special Assistant (2) .....	DT170127	08/10/2017	
			DT170053	08/30/2017	
	Office of Immediate Office of the Administrator.	Special Assistant .....	DT170129	08/10/2017	
	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance.	DT170137	08/10/2017	
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Special Assistant .....	DT170124	08/16/2017	
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.	Senior Governmental Affairs Officer.	DT170141	08/17/2017	
	Office of the Executive Secretariat	Special Assistant .....	DT170147	08/22/2017	
	DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.	Department of the Treasury .....	Special Assistant .....	DY170161	08/17/2017

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during August 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Office of the Secretary .....	Deputy White House Liaison .....	DA170116	08/05/2017
	Office of Communications .....	Press Assistant .....	DA170153	08/18/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE .. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Director of Scheduling .....	DC170083	08/04/2017
	Office of the Commissioners .....	Special Assistant to the Commissioner.	CC140001	08/06/2017
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ..... DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of the Secretary of Defense	Speechwriter .....	DD140139	08/15/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Assistant Speechwriter .....	DH170212	08/03/2017
	Office of Administration for Children and Families.	Press Assistant (Regional Media)	DH170175	08/27/2017
		Chief Spokesperson .....	DH170216	08/19/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.	Special Assistant .....	DH170190	08/05/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	Director of Advance .....	DH170169	08/05/2017
		Special Assistant .....	DH170180	08/05/2017
Special Assistant .....		DH170255	08/21/2017	
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.	Office of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Special Assistant .....	DM170132	08/03/2017
	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Special Assistant .....	DM170132	08/03/2017
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.	Office of Public Affairs .....	Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs (2).	EP170048	08/12/2017
	Office of the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	EP170051	08/19/2017
		Office of the Chairman .....	Confidential Assistant .....	EP170045
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY. PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	Confidential Assistant .....	DR150009	08/04/2017
		Confidential Assistant .....	DR170003	08/12/2017
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR .....	Office of the Director .....	Chief Strategist .....	QQ170005	08/05/2017
		White House Liaison .....	QQ170003	08/19/2017
		Deputy Director .....	WH160002	08/25/2017
PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.	Presidents Commission on White House Fellowships.	Deputy Director .....	WH160002	08/25/2017
	Office of the Chief Operating Officer.	Chief Operating Officer .....	SE100006	08/15/2017

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 U.S. Office of Personnel Management.  
**Kathleen M. McGettigan,**  
*Acting Director.*  
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

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**Schedule A**

No schedule A authorities to report during September 2017.

**Schedule B**

No schedule B authorities to report during September 2017.

**Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during September 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Farm Service Agency .....	State Executive Director—Washington.	DA170190	09/13/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DA170176	09/19/2017
		Staff Assistant .....	DA170193	09/22/2017