

Information Collection Abstract

Title: Career Information Consultants waiver form.

Need for and Use of this Information: This form is completed voluntarily by returned Peace Corps Volunteers and professionals in specific career fields. This information will be used by Returned Volunteer Services to assist returned Peace Corps Volunteers with re-entry transition issues. Participation in this program also fulfills the third goal of the Peace Corps as required by Congressional legislation and to enhance the Returned Volunteer Services' outreach program.

Respondents: Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Respondent's Obligation to Reply: Voluntary.

Burden on the Public:

a. *Annual reporting burden:* 417 hours.

b. *Annual record keeping burden:* 0 hours.

c. *Estimated average burden per response:* 5 minutes.

d. *Frequency of response:* annually.

e. *Estimated number of likely respondents:* 5,000.

f. *Estimated cost to respondents:* \$0.00.

At this time, responses will be returned by mail.

This notice is issued in Washington, DC, on May 7, 2001.

Dough Warnecke,

Acting, Chief Information Officer and Associate Director for Management.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of an Information Collection: RI 20-64 and RI 20-64A**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an information collection. RI 20-64, Former Spouse Survivor Annuity Election, is a form used by the Civil Service Retirement System to provide information about the amount of annuity payable after a survivor reduction and to obtain a survivor

benefits election form from annuitants who are eligible to elect to provide survivor benefits for a former spouse. RI 20-64A, Information on Electing a Survivor Annuity for Your Former Spouse, is a pamphlet that provides important information to retirees under the Civil Service Retirement System who want to provide a survivor annuity for a former spouse.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 30 RI 20-64 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 23 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349A, Washington, DC 20415.

For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination, Contact: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: Form RI 95-4**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 95-4, Marital Information Required of Refund Applicants, is used by OPM to pay refunds of retirement contributions when the information is not included on the SF 3106, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (FERS). To pay these benefits, all applicants for refund must provide information to OPM about their marital status and whether any spouse(s) or former spouse(s) have been informed of the proposed refund.

Approximately 2,600 RI 95-4 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 1,300 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before June 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

John C. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415, and Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—Contact: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project; Department of Defense (DoD)**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to this demonstration to make technical corrections to the list of occupational series included in the project and to change pay setting procedures for

Federal employees entering the project after initial implementation.

SUMMARY: Section 4308 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106; 10 U.S.C.A. 1701 note), as amended by section 845 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Pub. L. 105-85), permits the Department of Defense (DoD), with the approval of OPM, to conduct a personnel demonstration project within the Department's civilian acquisition workforce and those supporting personnel assigned to work directly with the acquisition workforce. This notice amends the project plan for this demonstration to: (1) Correct discrepancies in the list of occupational series included in the project and (2) allow managers the authority to offer a buy-in to Federal employees entering the demonstration project after initial implementation.

DATES: This amendment is effective May 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

DoD: Anthony D. Echols, Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration, 2001 North Beauregard Street, Suite 750, Alexandria, VA 22311, 703-578-2755. *OPM:* Mary Lamary, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7460, Washington, DC 20415, 202-606-2820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

OPM approved and published the project plan for the Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1999 (Volume 64, Number 5, part VII). This demonstration project involves hiring and appointment authorities; broadbanding; simplified classification; a contribution-based compensation and appraisal system; revised reduction-in-force procedures; academic degree and certificate training; and sabbaticals.

2. Overview

The project plan listed two occupational series in the wrong career path, listed one series in two career paths, and omitted a series to which at least one demonstration participant is assigned. This notice corrects these errors.

For examples who enter the project after initial implementation by lateral transfer, reassignment, or realignment, the project did not give managers the authority to offer a base payment adjustment for accrued within-grade increases and/or career ladder promotions.

This notice gives managers that authority.

Dated: May 11, 2001.

Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,

Acting Director.

I. Executive Summary

The project was designed by a Process Action Team (PAT) under the authority of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, with the participation of and review by DoD with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The purpose of the project is to enhance the quality, professionalism, and management of the DoD acquisition workforce through improvements in the human resources management system

II. Introduction

This demonstration project provides managers, at the lowest practical level, the authority, control, and flexibility they need to achieve quality acquisition processes and quality products. This project not only provides a system that retains, recognizes, and rewards employees for their contribution, but also supports their personal and professional growth.

A. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to correct discrepancies in the list of occupational series included in the project and to give managers the authority to offer an adjustment in base pay for accrued within-grade increases and/or career ladder promotions. No other changes are made to the sections referred to herein. The changes are hereby made to the **Federal Register**, Part VII, Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project; Department of Defense; Notice, Volume 64, Number 5, Friday, January 8, 1999; Section II.F., Table 2 and Section V.A. as outlined in the following paragraphs.

B. Employee Notification and Collective Bargaining Requirements

The demonstration project program office will notify employees of this amendment by posting it on the demonstration's web page (www.acqdemo.com). Participating organizations must fulfill any collective bargaining obligations to unions that represent employees covered by the demonstration.

III. Personnel System Changes

Occupational Series Included in the Project

Correct Section II.F., Table 2, Series Included in the DoD Acquisition

Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project, as follows:

Technical Management Support (NJ): Add series 0342, Support Services Administration, and series 0682, Dental Hygiene. Delete series 2135, Transportation Loss and Damage Claims Examining, and series 2151, Dispatching.

Administrative Support (NK): Delete Series 0342, Support Services Administrator. Add series 2151, Dispatching.

Employees Entering the Demonstration Project After Initial Implementation

Change that last sentence in the first paragraph of V.A. to read: This conversion process (i.e., "buy-in") is applicable to employees at the initial entry of their organization into the demonstration project in accordance with the approved implementation plan and subsequently upon an individual's lateral transfer, reassignment, or realignment into the demonstration project. (For purposes of this demonstration, "lateral transfer" is defined as a reassignment across Agencies without a change in rate of basic pay, except as provided by any within-grade increase or career-ladder "buy-in" paid upon conversion.)

Change the last sentence in the third paragraph of V.A. to read: Employees who enter the demonstration project after initial implementation by lateral transfer, reassignment, or realignment will be subject to the same pay conversion rules. Specifically, adjustments to the employee's base salary for a step increase and a non-competitive career ladder promotion will be computed as a prorated share of the current value of the step or promotion increase based upon the number of weeks an employee has completed toward the next higher step or grade at the time the employee moves into the project, consistent with paragraph VIII.A.

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