§ 102–5.70 What considerations apply in making a determination to authorize home-to-work transportation for field work?

Agencies should consider the following when making a determination to authorize home-to-work transportation for field work:

(a) The location of the employee’s home in proximity to his/her work and to the locations where non-TDY travel is required; and

(b) The use of home-to-work transportation for field work should be authorized only to the extent that such transportation will substantially increase the efficiency and economy of the Government.

§ 102–5.75 What circumstances do not establish a basis for authorizing home-to-work transportation for field work?

The following circumstances do not establish a basis for authorizing home-to-work transportation for field work:

(a) When an employee assigned to field work is not actually performing field work.

(b) When the employee’s workday begins at his/her work; or

(c) When the employee normally commutes to a fixed location, however far removed from his/her official duty station (for example, auditors or investigators assigned to a defense contractor plant).

Note to § 102–5.75: For instances where an employee is authorized home-to-work transportation under the field work provision, but performs field work only on an intermittent basis, the agency shall establish procedures to ensure that a Government passenger carrier is used only when field work is actually being performed. Although some employees’ daily work station is not located in a Government office, these employees are not performing field work. Like all Government employees, employees working in a “field office” are responsible for their own commuting costs.

§ 102–5.80 What are some examples of positions that may involve field work?

Examples of positions that may involve field work include, but are not limited to:

(a) Quality assurance inspectors;
(b) Construction inspectors;
(c) Dairy inspectors;
(d) Mine inspectors;
(e) Meat inspectors; and
(f) Medical officers on outpatient service.

Note to § 102–5.80: The assignment of an employee to such a position does not, of itself, entitle an employee to receive daily home-to-work transportation.

§ 102–5.85 What information should our determination for field work include if positions are identified rather than named individuals?

If positions are identified rather than named individuals, your determination for field work should include sufficient information to satisfy an audit, if necessary. This information should include the job title, number, and operational level where the work is to be performed (e.g., five recruiter personnel or, positions at the Detroit Army Recruiting Battalion).

Note to § 102–5.85: An agency head may elect to designate positions rather than individual names, especially in positions where rapid turnover occurs.

§ 102–5.90 Should an agency consider whether to base a Government passenger carrier at a Government facility near the employee’s home or work rather than authorize the employee home-to-work transportation?

Yes, situations may arise where, for cost or other reasons, it is in the Government’s interest to base a Government passenger carrier at a Government facility located near the employee’s home or work rather than authorize the employee home-to-work transportation.

§ 102–5.95 Is the comfort and/or convenience of an employee considered sufficient justification to authorize home-to-work transportation?

No, the comfort and/or convenience of an employee is not considered sufficient justification to authorize home-to-work transportation.