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candidates from outside the agency for vacancies, registrants in an agency's RPL have priority for selection over employees eligible under this subpart in accordance with § 330.705.

(d) This subpart applies only when agencies are making selections from outside their workforce, and does not prohibit movement within an agency, as permitted by subpart F of this part.

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§ 330.703 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart:

(a) *Agency* has the meaning given in § 330.604(a).

(b) *Displaced employee* means:

(1) A current career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who has received a specific RIF separation notice, or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area;

(2) A former career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who was separated through reduction in force, or removed for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area;

(3) A former career or career-conditional employee who was separated because of a compensable injury or illness as provided under the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, whose compensation has been terminated and whose former agency is unable to place the individual as required by § 353.110(b) of this chapter;

(4) A former career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, who retired with a disability under sections 8337 or 8451 of title 5, United States Code, whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated;

(5) A former career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, at grades GS-15 level or equivalent or below, who received a RIF separation notice, and who retired on the effective date of the

reduction in force or under the discontinued service retirement option;

(6) A former Military Reserve Technician or National Guard Technician who is receiving a special disability retirement annuity from OPM under section 8337(h) or 8456 of title 5 United States Code, as described in subpart H of this part;

(7) A current Executive Branch agency employee in the excepted service, serving on an appointment without time limit, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who has been given noncompetitive appointment eligibility and selection priority by statute for positions in the competitive service, and who is in receipt of a reduction in force separation notice or notice of proposed removal for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment outside of the local commuting area; or

(8) A former Executive Branch agency employee in the excepted service, who served on an appointment without time limit, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who has been given noncompetitive appointment eligibility and selection priority by statute for positions in the competitive service, and who has been separated through reduction in force or removed for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment outside of the local commuting area.

(c) *Eligible employee* means a displaced employee who meets the conditions set forth in § 330.704(a).

(d) *Local commuting area* has the meaning given in § 330.604(e).

(e) *Special selection priority* has the meaning given in § 330.604(g).

(f) *Vacancy* has the meaning given in § 330.604(j).

(g) *Well-qualified employee* has the meaning given in § 330.604(k).

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§ 330.704 Eligibility.

(a) To be eligible for the special selection priority, an individual must meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Is a displaced employee as defined in § 330.703(b);

(2) Has a current (or a last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent (except for

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those eligible under § 330.703(b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(6);

(3) Applies for a vacancy at or below the grade level from which the employee has been or is being separated, that does not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which the employee has been or is being separated;

(4) Occupies, or was displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the vacancy;

(5) Files an application for a specific vacancy within the time frames established by the agency, and provides proof of eligibility required under § 330.708(a)(2); and

(6) Is determined by the agency to be well-qualified for the specific position.

(b) *Eligibility for special selection priority begins:*

(1) On the date the agency issues the RIF separation notice;

(2) On the date an agency certifies that it cannot place an employee eligible under § 330.703(b)(3);

(3) On the date an employee eligible under § 330.703(b)(4) is notified that his or her disability annuity has been or is being terminated;

(4) On the date the agency issues a formal notice of proposed separation to an employee for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment outside the local commuting area; or

(5) On the date the National Guard Bureau or Military Department certifies that an employee under § 330.703(b)(6) has retired under 5 U.S.C. 8337(h) or 8456.

(c) *Eligibility expires:*

(1) 1 year after separation, except for those employees separated on or after September 12, 1995, and prior to February 29, 1996. For these employees, eligibility expired February 28, 1997;

(2) 1 year after an agency certifies that an individual under § 330.703(b)(3) cannot be placed;

(3) 1 year after an individual under § 330.703(b)(4) receives notification that his/her disability annuity has been or will be terminated;

(4) When the employee receives a career, career-conditional, or excepted appointment without time limit in any agency at any grade level;

(5) When the employee no longer meets the eligibility requirements set

forth in paragraph (a) of this section (e.g., the employee is no longer being separated by RIF, or under adverse action procedures for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment outside the local commuting area, or separates by resignation or non-discontinued service retirement prior to the RIF effective date); or

(6) At an agency's discretion, when an eligible employee declines a career, career conditional, or excepted appointment (without time limit), for which the employee has applied and been rated well-qualified; or upon the failure of the applicant to respond within a reasonable period of time to an offer or official inquiry of availability.

(7) Two years after separation, for those employees eligible under § 330.407(b).

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§ 330.705 Order of selection in filling vacancies from outside the agency's workforce.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, when filling a vacancy from outside the agency's workforce an agency must select:

(1) Current or former agency employees eligible under the agency's Reemployment Priority List described in subpart B of this part, then;

(2) At the agency's option, any other former employee displaced from the agency (under appropriate selection procedures), then;

(3) Any of the following three conditions:

(i) Current or former Federal employees displaced from other agencies under this subpart;

(ii) Current or former employees displaced from the District of Columbia Department of Corrections eligible under subpart K of this part, or

(iii) Displaced Panama Canal Zone employees eligible under subpart L of this part.

(4) Any other candidate (under appropriate selection procedures) (optional).

(b) The following actions are subject to the above order of selection and are covered under this subpart:

(1) Competitive appointments (e.g., from registers or delegated examining);