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- (41) San Diego-Carlsbad, CA—consisting of the San Diego-Carlsbad, CA MSA;
- (42) San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA—consisting of the San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA CSA and also including Monterey County, CA;
- (43) Seattle-Tacoma, WA—consisting of the Seattle-Tacoma, WA CSA and also including Whatcom County, WA;
- (44) St. Louis-St. Charles-Farmington, MO-IL—consisting of the St. Louis-St. Charles-Farmington, MO-IL CSA:
- (45) Tucson-Nogales, AZ—consisting of the Tucson-Nogales, AZ CSA and also including Cochise County, AZ;
- (46) Washington-Baltimore-Arlington, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA—consisting of the Washington-Baltimore-Arlington, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA CSA and also including Kent County, MD, Adams County, PA, York County, PA, King George County, VA, and Morgan County, WV; and
- (47) Rest of U.S.—consisting of those portions of the United States and its territories and possessions as listed in 5 CFR 591.205 not located within another locality pay area.

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§531.604 Determining an employee's locality rate.

- (a) An annual locality rate consists of a scheduled annual rate of pay plus an applicable locality payment (representing an annual dollar amount), as determined under paragraph (b) of this section.
- (b) An agency determines an employee's locality rate by—
- (1) Determining the employee's official worksite consistent with the rules in §531.605;
- (2) Determining the locality pay area in which the employee's official worksite is located, consistent with the locality pay areas established in §531.603;
- (3) Identifying the locality pay percentage in effect in the applicable locality pay area;
- (4) Increasing the employee's scheduled annual rate of pay by the applica-

ble locality pay percentage and rounding the result to the nearest whole dollar (counting 50 cents and over as the next higher dollar); and

- (5) Applying any applicable limitation as described in §531.606.
- (c) A locality rate may be expressed as an hourly, daily, weekly, or biweekly rate, as provided in §531.607.

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§ 531.605 Determining an employee's official worksite.

- (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the official worksite is the location of an employee's position of record where the employee regularly performs his or her duties.
- (2) If the employee's work involves recurring travel or the employee's work location varies on a recurring basis, the official worksite is the location where the work activities of the employee's position of record are based, as determined by the employing agency, subject to the requirement that the official worksite must be in a locality pay area in which the employee regularly performs work.
- (3) An agency must document an employee's official worksite on an employee's Notification of Personnel Action (Standard Form 50 or equivalent).
- (b) For an employee who is relocated and authorized to receive relocation expenses under 5 U.S.C. chapter 57, subchapter II (or similar authority), the official worksite is the established worksite for the position in the area to which the employee has been relocated. For an employee authorized to receive relocation expenses under 5 U.S.C. 5737 in connection with an extended assignment resulting in a temporary change of station, the worksite associated with the extended assignment is the official worksite. (See 41 CFR 302–1.1.)
- (c) For an employee whose assignment to a new worksite is followed within 3 workdays by a reduction in force resulting in the employee's separation before he or she is required to report for duty at the new location, the official worksite in effect immediately before the assignment remains the official worksite through the date of separation.