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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### January 2020 Pay Schedules

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain Federal civilian employees effective in January 2020. The Executive order authorizes a 2.6 percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and locality pay increases costing approximately 0.5 percent of basic payroll, reflecting an overall average pay increase of 3.1 percent. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Woods, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858 or *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 26, 2019, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13901 (84 FR 72213), which implemented a pay adjustment required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-93, December 20, 2019).

E.O. 13901 provides an overall average pay increase of 3.1 percent for the statutory pay systems. The pay rates in E.O. 13866 have been superseded.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O. 13901 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2020 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 13901 provides the rates for the 2020 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 2.6 percent increase from 2019. Executive Order 13901 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2020 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13901.)

General Schedule employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2020, locality payments ranging from 15.95 percent to 41.44 percent apply to GS employees in the 53 locality pay areas. The 2020 locality pay area definitions can be found at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2020/locality-pay-area-definitions/>.

The 2020 locality pay percentages became effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2020 (January 5, 2020). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.)

Executive Order 13901 establishes the new Executive Schedule (EX), which incorporates a 2.6 percent increase required under 5 U.S.C. 5318 (rounded to the nearest \$100). By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13901 establishes the 2020 range of rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES is \$131,239 in 2020. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$197,300 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$181,500 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are not covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) rate range was increased by 2.6 percent (\$131,239 in 2020), which is the amount of the across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST

rate range is \$197,300 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$181,500 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are not covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems for SES members and employees in SL and ST positions must also apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$253,300 in 2020.)

Note that Section 749 of division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, continues a pay freeze for certain senior political officials. The section 749 pay freeze extends through the last day of the last pay period that begins in calendar year 2020 (*i.e.*, January 2, 2021, for those on the standard biweekly payroll cycle). Future Congressional action will determine whether the pay freeze continues beyond that date. OPM guidance on the 2020 pay freeze for certain senior political officials can be found in CPM 2019-28 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/continued-pay-freeze-certain-senior-political-officials-3>.

Executive Order 13901 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are increased by 2.6 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) in 2020. The rate of basic pay for AL-1 is \$170,800 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL-2 is \$166,500. The rates of basic pay for AL-3/A through 3/F range from \$114,000 to \$157,800.

The rates of basic pay for members of Contract Appeals Boards are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, these rates of basic pay are increased by 2.6 percent in 2020.

On November 19, 2019, OPM issued a memorandum on behalf of the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget and OPM) that continues GS locality payments for ALJs and certain other non-GS employee categories in 2020. By law, EX officials, SES members, employees in SL/ST positions, and employees in certain other equivalent pay systems are not authorized to receive locality payments. (*Note:* An exception applies to certain grandfathered SES, SL, and ST employees stationed in a nonforeign area on January 2, 2010. See CPM 2009-27 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/nonforeign-area-retirement-equity-assurance-act>.) The memo is available at

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2019/continuation-of-locality-payments-for-non-general-schedule-employees-november-19-2019.pdf>.

On December 26, 2019, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2019–25) on the 2020 pay adjustments. (See <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/january-2020-pay-adjustments>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13901 and provided the 2020 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related guidance. The “2020 Salary Tables” posted on OPM’s website at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/> are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research

**AGENCY:** Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for information (RFI), extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** OSTP, and the National Science and Technology Council’s (NSTC) Subcommittee on Open Science (SOS), are engaged in ongoing efforts to facilitate implementation and compliance with the 2013 memorandum *Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research*<sup>1</sup> and to address recommended actions made by the Government Accountability Office in a November 2019 report.<sup>2</sup> OSTP and the SOS continue to explore opportunities to increase access to unclassified published research, digital scientific data, and code supported by the U.S. Government. This RFI aims to provide all interested individuals and organizations with the opportunity to provide recommendations on

<sup>1</sup> Retrieved from: [https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp\\_public\\_access\\_memo\\_2013.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp_public_access_memo_2013.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Retrieved from: <https://www.gao.gov/assets/710/702847.pdf>.

approaches for ensuring broad public access to the peer-reviewed scholarly publications, data, and code that result from federally funded scientific research.

**DATES:** The comment period for the request for information published February 19, 2020, at 85 FR 9488, is extended. Comments will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. ET on April 6, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice may be submitted online to Lisa Nichols, Assistant Director for Academic Engagement, OSTP, at [publicaccess@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:publicaccess@ostp.eop.gov). Email submissions should be machine-readable [pdf, doc, txt] and not copy-protected. Submissions should include “RFI Response: Public Access” in the subject line of the message.

**Instructions:** Response to this RFI is voluntary. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. Submission must not exceed 5 pages in 12 point or larger font, with a page number provided on each page. Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the comment. Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies or electronic links of the referenced materials. No business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information should be submitted in response to this RFI.

In accordance with FAR 15.202(3), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Federal Government to form a binding contract. Additionally, those submitting responses are solely responsible for all expenses associated with response preparation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, please direct your questions to Lisa Nichols at [publicaccess@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:publicaccess@ostp.eop.gov), (202) 456–4444.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In February of 2013, OSTP issued the memorandum *Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research*. The memorandum directed Federal agencies with more than \$100M in research and development (R&D) expenditures to develop plans to make the results of federally funded unclassified research that are published in peer-reviewed publications, and digitally formatted scientific data, publicly available. Federal agency plans required that published work be made available following a twelve-month post-publication embargo period.

OSTP and the NSTC SOS continue to explore opportunities to make the knowledge, information and data generated by federally funded research more readily accessible to students, clinicians, businesses, entrepreneurs, researchers, technologists, and the general public who support these investments as a means to accelerate knowledge and innovation. Over the course of the last two years, OSTP has had nearly 100 meetings with stakeholders on open science, current policy on public access to the results of federally funded research, the evolution of scholarly communications, and access to data and code associated with published results. This RFI aims to expand on these consultations and provide all interested individuals and organizations with the opportunity to provide recommendations on approaches for ensuring broad public access to the peer-reviewed scholarly publications, data and code that result from federally funded scientific research. OSTP is interested in perspectives on the following topics:

- What current limitations exist to the effective communication of research outputs (publications, data, and code) and how might communications evolve to accelerate public access while advancing the quality of scientific research? What are the barriers to and opportunities for change?
- What more can Federal agencies do to make tax-payer funded research results, including peer-reviewed author manuscripts, data, and code funded by the Federal Government, freely and publicly accessible in a way that minimizes delay, maximizes access, and enhances usability? How can the Federal Government engage with other sectors to achieve these goals?
- How would American science leadership and American competitiveness benefit from immediate access to these resources? What are potential challenges and effective approaches for overcoming them? Analyses that weigh the trade-offs of different approaches and models, especially those that provide data, will be particularly helpful.
- Any additional information that might be considered for Federal policies related to public access to peer-reviewed author manuscripts, data, and code resulting from federally supported research.

Dated: March 2, 2020.

**Sean Bonyun,**

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