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Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1992, see section 529 [title IV, § 408(d)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out as a note under section 4521 of this title.

§ 4523. Award authority

(a) An agency may pay a cash award, up to 5 percent of basic pay, to any law enforcement officer employed in or under such agency who possesses and makes substantial use of 1 or more foreign languages in the performance of official duties.

(b) Awards under this section shall be paid under regulations prescribed by the head of the agency involved (or designee thereof). Regulations prescribed by an agency head (or designee) under this subsection¹ shall include—

- (1) procedures under which foreign language proficiency shall be ascertained;
- (2) criteria for the selection of individuals for recognition under this section; and
- (3) any other provisions which may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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CHAPTER 47—PERSONNEL RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

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1998—Pub. L. 105-362, title XIII, § 1302(b)(2)(B)(ii), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3293, added item 4705 and struck out former items 4705 “Reports” and 4706 “Regulations”.

§ 4701. Definitions

(a) For the purpose of this chapter—

(1) “agency” means an Executive agency and the Government Publishing Office, but does not include—

(A) a Government corporation;

(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and, as determined by the President, any Executive agency or unit thereof which is designated by the

President and which has as its principal function the conduct of foreign intelligence or counterintelligence activities; or

(C) the Government Accountability Office;

(2) “employee” means an individual employed in or under an agency;

(3) “eligible” means an individual who has qualified for appointment in an agency and whose name has been entered on the appropriate register or list of eligibles;

(4) “demonstration project” means a project conducted by the Office of Personnel Management, or under its supervision, to determine whether a specified change in personnel management policies or procedures would result in improved Federal personnel management; and

(5) “research program” means a planned study of the manner in which public management policies and systems are operating, the effects of those policies and systems, the possibilities for change, and comparisons among policies and systems.

(b) This chapter shall not apply to any position in the Drug Enforcement Administration which is excluded from the competitive service under section 201 of the Crime Control Act of 1976 (28 U.S.C. 509 note; 90 Stat. 2425).

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title VI, § 601(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1185; amended Pub. L. 96-54, § 2(a)(21), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382; Pub. L. 101-474, § 5(g), Oct. 30, 1990, 104 Stat. 1100; Pub. L. 103-359, title V, § 501(f), Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3429; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XI, § 1122(a)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2687; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IX, § 931(a)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4575; Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, § 1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency” for “National Imagery and Mapping Agency”.

2004—Subsec. (a)(1)(C). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “National Imagery and Mapping Agency” for “Central Imagery Office”.

1994—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 103-359 inserted “the Central Imagery Office,” after “Defense Intelligence Agency.”

1990—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 101-474 struck out “, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts,” after “means an Executive agency”.

1979—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-54 substituted “chapter” for “subchapter” and “28 U.S.C. 509” for “5 U.S.C. 5108”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in subsec. (a)(1) on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 1124 of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 193 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “subsection”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

DESIGN ELEMENTS OF PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS IN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title XI, § 1126, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1640, provided that: “A pay-for-performance system may not be initiated under chapter 47 of title 5, United States Code, after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 24, 2003], unless it incorporates the following elements:

- “(1) Adherence to merit principles set forth in section 2301 of such title.
- “(2) A fair, credible, and transparent employee performance appraisal system.
- “(3) A link between elements of the pay-for-performance system, the employee performance appraisal system, and the agency’s strategic plan.
- “(4) A means for ensuring employee involvement in the design and implementation of the system.
- “(5) Adequate training and retraining for supervisors, managers, and employees in the implementation and operation of the pay-for-performance system.
- “(6) A process for ensuring ongoing performance feedback and dialogue between supervisors, managers, and employees throughout the appraisal period, and setting timetables for review.
- “(7) Effective safeguards to ensure that the management of the system is fair and equitable and based on employee performance.
- “(8) A means for ensuring that adequate agency resources are allocated for the design, implementation, and administration of the pay-for-performance system.”

§ 4702. Research programs

The Office of Personnel Management shall—

- (1) establish and maintain (and assist in the establishment and maintenance of) research programs to study improved methods and technologies in Federal personnel management;
- (2) evaluate the research programs established under paragraph (1) of this section;
- (3) establish and maintain a program for the collection and public dissemination of information relating to personnel management research and for encouraging and facilitating the exchange of information among interested persons and entities; and
- (4) carry out the preceding functions directly or through agreement or contract.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title VI, § 601(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1185.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

§ 4703. Demonstration projects

(a) Except as provided in this section, the Office of Personnel Management may, directly or through agreement or contract with one or more

agencies and other public and private organizations, conduct and evaluate demonstration projects. Subject to the provisions of this section, the conducting of demonstration projects shall not be limited by any lack of specific authority under this title to take the action contemplated, or by any provision of this title or any rule or regulation prescribed under this title which is inconsistent with the action, including any law or regulation relating to—

- (1) the methods of establishing qualification requirements for, recruitment for, and appointment to positions;
- (2) the methods of classifying positions and compensating employees;
- (3) the methods of assigning, reassigning, or promoting employees;
- (4) the methods of disciplining employees;
- (5) the methods of providing incentives to employees, including the provision of group or individual incentive bonuses or pay;
- (6) the hours of work per day or per week;
- (7) the methods of involving employees, labor organizations, and employee organizations in personnel decisions; and
- (8) the methods of reducing overall agency staff and grade levels.

(b) Before conducting or entering into any agreement or contract to conduct a demonstration project, the Office shall—

- (1) develop a plan for such project which identifies—
 - (A) the purposes of the project;
 - (B) the types of employees or eligibles, categorized by occupational series, grade, or organizational unit;
 - (C) the number of employees or eligibles to be included, in the aggregate and by category;
 - (D) the methodology;
 - (E) the duration;
 - (F) the training to be provided;
 - (G) the anticipated costs;
 - (H) the methodology and criteria for evaluation;
 - (I) a specific description of any aspect of the project for which there is a lack of specific authority; and
 - (J) a specific citation to any provision of law, rule, or regulation which, if not waived under this section, would prohibit the conducting of the project, or any part of the project as proposed;
- (2) publish the plan in the Federal Register;
- (3) submit the plan so published to public hearing;
- (4) provide notification of the proposed project, at least 180 days in advance of the date any project proposed under this section is to take effect—
 - (A) to employees who are likely to be affected by the project; and
 - (B) to each House of the Congress;
- (5) obtain approval from each agency involved of the final version of the plan; and
- (6) provide each House of the Congress with a report at least 90 days in advance of the date the project is to take effect setting forth the final version of the plan as so approved.

(2) publish the plan in the Federal Register;

- (3) submit the plan so published to public hearing;
- (4) provide notification of the proposed project, at least 180 days in advance of the date any project proposed under this section is to take effect—

- (A) to employees who are likely to be affected by the project; and
- (B) to each House of the Congress;

(5) obtain approval from each agency involved of the final version of the plan; and

(6) provide each House of the Congress with a report at least 90 days in advance of the date the project is to take effect setting forth the final version of the plan as so approved.

(c) No demonstration project under this section may provide for a waiver of—