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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees' Retirement System; Opportunity for Annuitants to Elect Survivor Annuity Benefits for Same-Sex Spouses

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of a 2-year opportunity for annuitants who are in legal same-sex marriages to elect survivor annuities for their spouses under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS).

DATES: All retirees who are in legal same-sex marriages have through June 26, 2015, to inform OPM that they have legal same-sex marriages that now qualify for recognition and to elect survivor annuities for their spouses based on their recognized marital status.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information by Phone: Call the Retirement Information Office toll-free at 1-888-767-6738. If you use TTY equipment, call 1-855-887-4957. Be sure to have your claim number (CSA number) on hand when you call a specialist. Information by Email: retire@opm.gov.

Information or Elections by Mail: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Operations Center, PO Box 45, Boyers, PA, 16017-0045. Please include your full name and your claim number (CSA number) in your correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) provided that, when used in a Federal law, the term "marriage" would mean only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and that the term "spouse" referred only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife. Because of DOMA, the Federal Government has been prohibited from recognizing the legal marriages of same-sex couples for purposes of retirement benefit programs.

On June 26, 2013, in *United States v. Windsor*, 570 U.S. ___ (2013), the Supreme Court of the United States (Supreme Court) ruled that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional. As a result of this decision, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is now able to extend benefits to Federal employees and annuitants who are legally married to spouses of the same sex, regardless of the employees' or annuitants' states of residency. Consistent with OPM's long-standing policy of recognizing the legal foreign marriages of opposite-sex couples for purposes of the retirement benefit programs that OPM administers, OPM will also recognize legal same-sex marriages granted in countries that authorize such marriages, regardless of the employees' or annuitants' states of residency, for purposes of these programs.

As OPM stated in its June 28, 2013 Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, all retirees who are in legal same-sex marriages will have 2 years from the June 26, 2013 date of the Supreme Court's decision (i.e., through June 26, 2015) to inform OPM that they have legal marriages that now qualify for recognition and to elect reductions in their CSRS or FERS retirement annuities to provide survivor annuity benefits for their spouses, based on their recognized marital status. An annuitant should be aware that electing a survivor annuity will require a reduction of his/her annuity to provide the survivor annuity, or an adjustment of the amount of reduction currently being made to provide an insurable interest annuity to change the reduction amount to a survivor annuity reduction. Before an election is made, we recommend that the annuitants carefully consider what effect the reduction or change in reduction will have on the amount of their net annuities.

Annuitants should consider their language carefully before sending OPM written requests regarding survivor benefits for their spouses. An annuitant who contacts OPM and only request information about the effect a survivor election would have on the annuity will receive a statement describing the cost of the election and an election form that would need to be returned to OPM by June 26, 2015, to elect the survivor benefit. An annuitant who sends a signed statement or letter to OPM and indicates that he/she wants to elect a survivor benefit for a spouse will also receive a statement describing the cost of the election; he/she will not be able to change his/her mind about providing the survivor benefit. Unless otherwise

specified, OPM will consider any requests for information about survivor benefits or any signed elections of survivor benefits as requests for information or elections of the maximum survivor benefit. More information about the election and the survivor reduction is provided at <http://www.opm.gov/retirement-services/my-annuity-and-benefits/life-events/#url=MarriageDivorce>.

A request for information about survivor annuity benefits or signed, written elections of survivor benefits should be accompanied with a copy of the marriage certificate proving the same-sex marriage. Please be advised that an election of a survivor annuity is irrevocable. An annuitant will not be able to change an election later. We strongly urge annuitants to carefully consider elections before submitting them to OPM.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from June 1, 2013, to June 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Services and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities to report during June 2013.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities to report during June 2013.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during June 2013.

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date | |
|---|---|---|--|----------------------|------------------------|
| Commission on Civil Rights | Commissioners | Special Assistant | CC130002 | 6/3/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant | DF130020 | 6/6/2013 | |
| Department of the Air Force | Office of the Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment, and Logistics. | Special Assistant | DF130020 | 6/6/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant | DF130020 | 6/6/2013 | |
| Department of Agriculture | Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development. | National Coordinator, Local and Regional Food Systems. | DA130073 | 6/3/2013 | |
| | | Farm Service Agency | State Executive Director (2) | DA130074 DA130098 | 6/13/2013 6/25/2013 |
| | Natural Resources Conservation Service. | Special Assistant | DA130093 | 6/13/2013 | |
| | | Staff Assistant (Legislative Analyst). | DA130095 | 6/13/2013 | |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. | Senior Advisor | DA130104 | 6/28/2013 | |
| | | Senior Advisor | DA130108 | 6/28/2013 | |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. | Senior Advisor | DA130108 | 6/28/2013 | |
| Rural Business Service | | Chief of Staff | DA130111 | 6/28/2013 | |
| Department of Commerce | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Domestic Operations. | Special Assistant | DC130061 | 6/14/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant | DC130061 | 6/14/2013 | |
| Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance. | Special Advisor | DC130057 | 6/7/2013 | | |
| | Washington Headquarters Services. | Defense Fellow | DD130080 | 6/13/2013 | |
| Department of Defense | Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). | Speechwriter | DD130081 | 6/21/2013 | |
| | | Speechwriter | DD130081 | 6/21/2013 | |
| Department of Education | Office of Vocational and Adult Education. | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges. | DB130048 | 6/6/2013 | |
| | | Senior Counsel | DB130034 | 6/28/2013 | |
| | | Confidential Assistant | DB130052 | 6/24/2013 | |
| Office of the Under Secretary | Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. | Deputy Under Secretary | DB130047 | 6/28/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant for Clean Energy Manufacturing and Commercialization. | DE130039 | 6/18/2013 | |
| Department of Energy | Associate Administrator for External Affairs. | Director of Legislative Affairs | DE130053 | 6/18/2013 | |
| | | Senior Advisor | DE130070 | 6/25/2013 | |
| | | Congressional Affairs Specialist ... | DE130062 | 6/18/2013 | |
| | Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. | Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs. | DE130063 | 6/28/2013 | |
| | | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Policy. | DE130066 | 6/19/2013 | |
| | Office of the Secretary | Office of Management | Special Assistant | DE130067 | 6/28/2013 |
| | | | Deputy Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. | DE130071 | 6/28/2013 |
| Environmental Protection Agency | Office of Public Affairs | Managing Editor | DE130073 | 6/28/2013 | |
| | | White House Liaison | EP130029 | 6/14/2013 | |
| | | Director for Internal Communications. | EP130030 | 6/19/2013 | |
| Office of the Administrator | Office of the Associate Administrator for External Affairs and Environmental Education. | Associate Director of Congressional Affairs. | FL130003 | 6/11/2013 | |
| | | Associate Director of Congressional Affairs. | FL130003 | 6/11/2013 | |
| Farm Credit Administration | Office of Communications and Marketing. | Deputy Associate Administrator for Media Affairs. | GS130007 | 6/10/2013 | |
| | | Deputy Associate Administrator for Media Affairs. | GS130007 | 6/10/2013 | |
| General Services Administration ... | Office of the Administrator | Press Secretary | GS130008 | 6/10/2013 | |
| | | Senior Advisor | GS130012 | 6/17/2013 | |
| Office of the Administrator | Public Buildings Service | White House Liaison | GS130011 | 6/10/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant | GS130013 | 6/17/2013 | |
| Department of Health and Human Services. | Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs. | Special Assistant | DH130069 | 6/3/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant | DH130069 | 6/3/2013 | |
| Office of the Secretary | Office of the Secretary | Director of Provider Outreach | DH130089 | 6/17/2013 | |
| | | White House Liaison for Political Personnel, Boards and Commissions. | DH130091 | 6/13/2013 | |
| Department of Homeland Security | Office of the Chief of Staff | Special Assistant (2) | DM130115 | 6/3/2013 | |
| | | Special Assistant (2) | DM130137 | 6/25/2013 | |

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
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| Department of Housing and Urban Development. | Office of the General Counsel | Senior Counsel | DU130027 | 6/27/2013 |
| Department of the Interior | Office of Public Affairs | Senior Speechwriter | DU130028 | 6/27/2013 |
| | Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs | Senior Advisor- Indian Affairs | DI130024 | 6/4/2013 |
| | Secretary's Immediate Office | Special Assistant (2) | DI130035 | 6/7/2013 |
| | | Director of Scheduling and Advance. | DI130037 | 6/11/2013 |
| | | Counselor | DI130042 | 6/26/2013 |
| Department of Justice | Assistant Secretary—Water and Science. | Counselor | DI130036 | 6/7/2013 |
| | Assistant Secretary—Fish and Wildlife/Parks. | Senior Advisor for Fish and Wildlife/Parks. | DI130041 | 6/26/2013 |
| | Office of Public Affairs | Deputy Speechwriter | DJ130058 | 6/4/2013 |
| Department of Labor | Antitrust Division | Senior Counsel | DJ130066 | 6/13/2013 |
| | Office of the Attorney General | Director of Advance | DJ130069 | 6/21/2013 |
| | Office of the Solicitor | Special Counsel | DL130036 | 6/14/2013 |
| Office of Management and Budget Office of National Drug Control Policy. | Veterans Employment and Training Service. | Chief of Staff | DL130035 | 6/21/2013 |
| | Office of the Director | Special Assistant | BO130022 | 6/24/2013 |
| Office of the United States Trade Representative. | Office of Legislative Affairs | Associate Director (Legislative Affairs). | QQ130003 | 6/19/2013 |
| Small Business Administration | Office of the Ambassador | Confidential Assistant | TN130003 | 6/3/2013 |
| | | Deputy Chief of Staff | TN130004 | 6/18/2013 |
| Department of State | Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. | Special Advisor | SB130015 | 6/26/2013 |
| | Bureau of Public Affairs | Deputy Spokesperson | DS130089 | 6/13/2013 |
| | Bureau of Legislative Affairs | Legislative Management Officer ... | DS130091 | 6/14/2013 |
| Department of Transportation | Foreign Policy Planning Staff | Speechwriter (3) | DS130094 | 6/28/2013 |
| | | | DS130095 | 6/28/2013 |
| | | | DS130096 | 6/28/2013 |
| Department of the Treasury | Administrator | Director of Communications | DT130025 | 6/25/2013 |
| | Office of Congressional Affairs | Director of Congressional Affairs .. | DT130027 | 6/25/2013 |
| Department of the Treasury | Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) ... | Senior Advisor | DY130061 | 6/17/2013 |
| | Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs) | Media Affairs Specialist | DY130062 | 6/25/2013 |

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during June 2013.

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Vacate date |
|----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|-------------|
| Commission on Civil Rights | Commissioners | Special Assistant to the Chairman | CC110008 | 6/10/2013 |
| | Natural Resources Conservation Service. | Assistant Chief | DA120007 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration. | Chief of Staff | DA110063 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of Communications | Deputy Director, Operations | DA110016 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. | Senior Advisor | DA130063 | 6/1/2013 |
| Department of Commerce | Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. | Special Assistant | DA090139 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the White House Liaison | Special Advisor | DC130025 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Department of Education | Confidential Assistant | DB120102 | 6/1/2013 |
| Department of Energy | Office of Innovation and Improvement. | Special Assistant | DB120006 | 6/7/2013 |
| | Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development. | Confidential Assistant | DB110110 | 6/11/2013 |
| | Office of the General Counsel | Deputy General Counsel for Accountability. | DB100055 | 6/14/2013 |
| Department of Homeland Security | Office of the Deputy Secretary | Confidential Assistant | DB130015 | 6/15/2013 |
| | Office of Science | Special Assistant | DE110106 | 6/1/2013 |
| Department of Homeland Security | Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology. | Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Science and Technology. | DM120027 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the Chief of Staff | Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. | DM120126 | 6/15/2013 |

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Vacate date |
|--|---|--|-------------------|-------------|
| Department of Housing and Urban Development. | Office of Public Affairs | Chief External Affairs Officer/General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. | DU120048 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of Strategic Planning and Management. | Deputy Director | DU100061 | 6/1/2013 |
| Department of Justice | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DU120037 | 6/21/2013 |
| | Civil Division | Counsel and Chief of Staff | DJ120073 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Criminal Division | Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General. | DJ100175 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the Attorney General | White House Liaison | DJ120008 | 6/1/2013 |
| Department of Labor | Office on Violence Against Women. | Deputy Director for Policy Development. | DJ100086 | 6/14/2013 |
| | Civil Rights Division | Senior Counsel | DJ110102 | 6/15/2013 |
| | Office of Justice Programs | Chief of Staff | DJ100118 | 6/21/2013 |
| | Office of Disability Employment Policy. | Advisor | DL110020 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Occupational Safety and Health Administration. | Chief of Staff | DL090117 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DL100057 | 6/1/2013 |
| Department of the Interior | Bureau of International Labor Affairs. | Special Assistant | DL100008 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Secretary's Immediate Office | Special Assistant | DI090141 | 6/2/2013 |
| | Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget. | Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget. | DI120050 | 6/28/2013 |
| Farm Credit Administration | Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. | Associate Director of Congressional Affairs. | FL090003 | 6/1/2013 |
| General Services Administration ... | Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. | Deputy Associate Administrator for Legislative Affairs. | GS110026 | 6/1/2013 |
| | Office of the Administrator | Communications Director | GS120012 | 6/15/2013 |
| | | Press Secretary (2) | GS110029 | 6/15/2013 |
| Office of the Secretary of Defense | Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs). | | GS120023 | 6/15/2013 |
| | | Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Western Hemisphere Affairs). | DD090245 | 6/1/2013 |

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency

that were established or revoked from May 1, 2013, to May 31, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Services and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>.

OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities to report during May 2013.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities to report during May 2013.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during May 2013.

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Department of Agriculture | Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. | Senior Advisor | DA130063 | 5/3/2013 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development. | State Executive Director, Montana | DA130064 | 5/3/2013 |
| | Office of Communications | Director of Risk Management | DA130069 | 5/17/2013 |
| | Farm Service Agency | State Executive Director, Colorado | DA130067 | 5/17/2013 |