

Affirmative Action Plan for the Recruitment, Hiring, Advancement, and Retention of Persons with Disabilities

To capture agencies’ affirmative action plan for persons with disabilities (PWD) and persons with targeted disabilities (PWTD), EEOC regulations (29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(e)) and MD-715 require agencies to describe how their affirmative action plan will improve the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of applicants and employees with disabilities.

Section I: Efforts to Reach Regulatory Goals

EEOC regulations (29 CFR §1614.203(d)(7)) require agencies to establish specific numerical goals for increasing the participation of persons with disabilities and persons with targeted disabilities in the federal government

1. Using the goal of 12% as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD by grade level cluster in the permanent workforce? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box.

- a. Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 (PWD) Answer No
- b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWD) Answer Yes

The percentage of PWD in the GS-11 to SES cluster was 10.54% in Fy2022, which falls below the goal of 12%.

*For GS employees, please use two clusters: GS-1 to GS-10 and GS-11 to SES, as set forth in 29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(d)(7). For all other pay plans, please use the approximate grade clusters that are above or below GS-11 Step 1 in the Washington, DC metropolitan region.

2. Using the goal of 2% as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD by grade level cluster in the permanent workforce? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box.

- a. Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 (PWTD) Answer No
- b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWTD) Answer Yes

The percentage of PWTD in the GS-11to SES cluster was 1.81% in FY 2022, which falls below the goal of 2%.

Grade Level Cluster(GS or Alternate Pay Planb)	Total	Reportable Disability		Targeted Disability	
	#	#	%	#	%
Numarical Goal	--	12%		2%	
Grades GS-1 to GS-10	42	6	19.78	1	4.35
Grades GS-11 to SES	514	48	10.54	8	1.43

3. Describe how the agency has communicated the numerical goals to the hiring managers and/or recruiters.

We have provided information to Senior Managers regarding the disability benchmarks during the state of the agency. We communicated the benchmarks to employees during the Disability Awareness month event and in the agency newsletter. Managers and supervisors take a complement of required courses when they become new supervisors, and the hiring goals related to disability are in reference material thereafter, and refresher courses are required.

Section II: Model Disability Program

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(d)(1), agencies must ensure sufficient staff, training and resources to recruit and hire persons with disabilities and persons with targeted disabilities, administer the reasonable accommodation program and special emphasis program, and oversee any other disability hiring and advancement program the agency has in place.

A. PLAN TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT & COMPETENT STAFFING FOR THE DISABILITY PROGRAM

1. Has the agency designated sufficient qualified personnel to implement its disability program during the reporting period? If “no”, describe the agency’s plan to improve the staffing for the upcoming year.

Answer Yes

2. Identify all staff responsible for implementing the agency's disability employment program by the office, staff employment status, and responsible official.

Disability Program Task	# of FTE Staff By Employment Status			Responsible Official (Name, Title, Office Email)
	Full Time	Part Time	Collateral Duty	
Architectural Barriers Act Compliance	1	0	1	Mark Oemler Facilities Director moemler@cpsc.gov
Special Emphasis Program for PWD and PWTD	1	0	1	Natasha Hoyle EEO Specilaist nhoyle@cpsc.gov
Processing reasonable accommodation requests from applicants and employees	1	0	1	Natasha Hoyle EEO Specialist nhoyle@cpsc.gov
Section 508 Compliance	1	0	1	Tingling Kuo IT Specialist tkuo@cpsc.gov
Processing applications from PWD and PWTD	1	0	1	Michelle Ewii HR Specialist mewii@cpsc.gov
Answering questions from the public about hiring authorities that take disability into account	1	0	1	Michelle Ewii HR Specialist mewii@cpsc.gov

3. Has the agency provided disability program staff with sufficient training to carry out their responsibilities during the reporting period? If “yes”, describe the training that disability program staff have received. If “no”, describe the training planned for the upcoming year.

Answer Yes

All staff receives annual training in their fields of specialty.

B. PLAN TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE DISABILITY PROGRAM

Has the agency provided sufficient funding and other resources to successfully implement the disability program during the reporting period? If “no”, describe the agency’s plan to ensure all aspects of the disability program have sufficient funding and other resources.

Answer Yes

Section III: Program Deficiencies In The Disability Program

Brief Description of Program Deficiency	D.4.a. Does the agency post its affirmative action plan on its public website? [see 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(4)] If yes, please provide the internet address in the comments. www.cpsc.gov
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Section IV: Plan to Recruit and Hire Individuals with Disabilities

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §1614.203(d)(1)(i) and (ii), agencies must establish a plan to increase the recruitment and hiring of individuals with disabilities. The questions below are designed to identify outcomes of the agency’s recruitment program plan for PWD and PWTD

A. PLAN TO IDENTIFY JOB APPLICATIONS WITH DISABILITIES

1. Describe the programs and resources the agency uses to identify job applicants with disabilities, including individuals with targeted disabilities.

The EEO office hosted reasonable accommodation training for managers to help them understand how they can use reasonable accommodations for employee and new hires with disabilities. The training also gave them information on the agency 12 and 2% goals. The EEO office also provided information to managers about the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP). The EEO office recruited a Veterans Special Emphasis Program Manager to work with targeted groups of individuals eligible under disability hiring authorities. Additional resources that the Veteran SEPM used included: VA Vocational Centers and State Rehabilitation Centers.

2. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §1614.203(a)(3), describe the agency’s use of hiring authorities that take disability into account (e.g., Schedule A) to recruit PWD and PWTD for positions in the permanent workforce

CPSC utilize Schedule A . CPSC also has a designated Selective Placement Program Coordinator (SPPC) to coordinate special placement.

3. When individuals apply for a position under a hiring authority that takes disability into account (e.g., Schedule A), explain how the agency (1) determines if the individual is eligible for appointment under such authority; and, (2) forwards the individual’s application to the relevant hiring officials with an explanation of how and when the individual may be appointed.

Applicants who apply under Schedule A via USAJobs have eligibility determined via the same evaluation process as other candidates, but are placed on a separate certificate for hiring managers’ consideration.

4. Has the agency provided training to all hiring managers on the use of hiring authorities that take disability into account (e.g., Schedule A)? If “yes”, describe the type(s) of training and frequency. If “no”, describe the agency’s plan to provide this training.

Answer Yes

Managers and supervisors take a complement of required courses when they become new supervisors, and the hiring goals related to disability are in reference material thereafter in continuing courses for hiring and retaining for individuals with a disability.

B. PLAN TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Describe the agency’s efforts to establish and maintain contacts with organizations that assist PWD, including PWTD, in securing and maintaining employment.

The Disability Program manager will continue to establish connection with Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS). CPSC Veterans Special Emphasis Program Manager (SEPM) began outreach to establish recruitment relationships with various local veteran, including disable veterans, organizations in targeted recruitment efforts. The Veteran SEPM sends vacancy

announcements to these established organizations. The DPM will establish connections with other organizations, to include America Job Centers, Centers for Independent Living, and Employment Network Service providers.

C. PROGRESSION TOWARDS GOALS (RECRUITMENT AND HIRING)

1. Using the goals of 12% for PWD and 2% for PWTD as the benchmarks, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the new hires in the permanent workforce? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below.

a. New Hires for Permanent Workforce (PWD) Answer Yes

b. New Hires for Permanent Workforce (PWTD) Answer Yes

The rate of new permanent hires for PWD is 5.49% and the rate of new permanent hires for PWTD is 1.10%

New Hires	Total (#)	Reportable Disability		Targeted Disability	
		Permanent Workforce (%)	Temporary Workforce (%)	Permanent Workforce (%)	Temporary Workforce (%)
% of Total Applicants					
% of Qualified Applicants					
% of New Hires	6	5.49	1.10	5.49	1.10

2. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the new hires for any of the mission- critical occupations (MCO)? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

a. New Hires for MCO (PWD) Answer No

b. New Hires for MCO (PWTD) Answer Yes

Among the Mission Critical applications for PWD, an average of 8.45% of the applicants with disabilities were deemed qualified, 3 employees were selected. Among the mission critical applications, an average 3.90% of the applicants with targeted disabilities were deemed qualified, none were selected.

New Hires to Mission-Critical Occupations	Total (#)	Reportable Disability		Targetable Disability	
		Qualified Applicants (%)	New Hires (%)	Qualified Applicants (%)	New Hires (%)
Numerical Goal	--	12%		2%	
0301MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATION & PROGRAM	0	36.36	0.00	18.18	0.00
0343MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ANALYSIS	0	20.35	0.00	10.62	0.00
0830MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	0	12.90	0.00	3.23	0.00
0905GENERAL ATTORNEY	1	22.22	25.00	7.69	0.00

New Hires to Mission-Critical Occupations	Total (#)	Reportable Disability		Targetable Disability	
		Qualified Applicants (%)	New Hires (%)	Qualified Applicants (%)	New Hires (%)
Numerical Goal	--	12%		2%	
1801GENERAL INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION & COMPLIANCE	1	16.32	11.11	6.88	0.00
2210INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT	0	9.09	0.00	5.05	0.00

3. Using the relevant applicant pool as the benchmark, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the qualified internal applicants for any of the mission-critical occupations (MCO)? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWD) Answer Yes
- b. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWTD) Answer Yes

There was one qualified employee with a disability employee and one qualified employee with a target disability employee eligible for internal promotions. None were selected.

4. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among employees promoted to any of the mission-critical occupations (MCO)? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. Promotions for MCO (PWD) Answer Yes
- b. Promotions for MCO (PWTD) Answer Yes

There were 2 employees with disabilities eligible for promotion none was promoted. There were no PWTD eligible for promotion.

Section V: Plan to Ensure Advancement Opportunities for Employees with Disabilities

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §1614.203(d)(1)(iii), agencies are required to provide sufficient advancement opportunities for employees with disabilities. Such activities might include specialized training and mentoring programs, career development opportunities, awards programs, promotions, and similar programs that address advancement. In this section, agencies should identify, and provide data on programs designed to ensure advancement opportunities for employees with disabilities.

A. ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

Describe the agency’s plan to ensure PWD, including PWTD, have sufficient opportunities for advancement.

CPSC is committed to the philosophy that a strong federal workforce is an inclusive federal workforce – one that welcomes the skills and talents of all qualified individuals. All employees with disabilities have access to training, coaching programs, awards, promotions, and individual development plans. There are no specialized programs for employees with disabilities.

B. CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES

1. Please describe the career development opportunities that the agency provides to its employees.

CPSC has a variety of programs to help advance career development. There are programs such as a coaching program, online and in person training opportunities, development of IDP plans with supervisors, communicating vacancies on the intranet, and creating and advertising career ladder positions. CPSC has a Management Development Program (MDP). The MDP will assist CPSC supervisors, managers, and executives in designing their own career development plan

2. In the table below, please provide the data for career development opportunities that require competition and/or supervisory recommendation/ approval to participate.

Career Development Opportunities	Total Participants		PWD		PWTD	
	Applicants (#)	Selectees (#)	Applicants (%)	Selectees (%)	Applicants (%)	Selectees (%)
Internship Programs	na					
Training Programs	na					
Fellowship Programs	na					
Detail Programs	na					
Mentoring Programs	na					
Other Career Development Programs	na					
Coaching Programs						

3. Do triggers exist for PWD among the applicants and/or selectees for any of the career development programs? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for the applicants and the applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. Applicants (PWD) Answer No
- b. Selections (PWD) Answer No

4. Do triggers exist for PWTD among the applicants and/or selectees for any of the career development programs? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for the applicants and the applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
- b. Selections (PWTD) Answer No

C. AWARDS

1. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD and/or PWTD for any level of the time-off awards, bonuses, or other incentives? If “yes”, please describe the trigger(s) in the text box.

- a. Awards, Bonuses, & Incentives (PWD) Answer No
- b. Awards, Bonuses, & Incentives (PWTD) Answer No

Time-Off Awards	Total (#)	Reportable Disability %	Without Reportable Disability %	Targeted Disability %	Without Targeted Disability %
Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 hours: Awards Given	5	20.00	80.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 Hours: Total Hours	160	8.00	32.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 Hours: Average Hours	32	8.00	38.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 hours: Awards Given	3	33.33	66.67	33.33	0.00
Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 Hours: Total Hours	92	20.	72.	20.	0.00
Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 Hours: Average Hours	31	20.	36	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 hours: Awards Given	1	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 Hours: Total Hours	21	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 Hours: Average Hours	21	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 hours: Awards Given	33	18.18	69.70	3.03	0.00
Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 Hours: Total Hours	1285	160.00	891	34.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 Hours: Average Hours	39	39.00	39.00	34.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Awards Given	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Total Hours	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Average Hours	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Cash Awards	Total (#)	Reportable Disability %	Without Reportable Disability %	Targeted Disability %	Without Targeted Disability %
Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Awards Given	24	417	95.83	0.00	0.00
Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Total Amount	57972	740	57232	0.00	0.00
Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Average Amount	2416	740	2488	0.00	0.00
Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Awards Given	97	10.1	82.47	1.03	0.00
Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Total Amount	196744	18209	167017	1984	0.00
Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Average Amount	2029	1821	2088	1984	0.00
Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Awards Given	118	11.86	82.20	0.85	0.00
Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Total Amount	315397	35483	262576	2544	0.00
Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Average Amount	2673	2535	2707	2544	0.00
Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Awards Given	90	7.78	87.78	1.11	0.00
Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Total Amount	326725	14084	289093	3539	0.00
Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Average Amount	3630	3521	3659	3539	0.00

Cash Awards	Total (#)	Reportable Disability %	Without Reportable Disability %	Targeted Disability %	Without Targeted Disability %
Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Awards Given	38	10.53	86.84	0.00	6.82
Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Total Amount	163614	19655	159709	0.00	29022.73
Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Average Amount	4834	4921	4840	0.00	9672.73
Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Awards Given	29	17.24	82.76	3.45	0.00
Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Total Amount	320796	40146	280650	56.88	0.00
Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Average Amount	11062	8029	11694	56.88	0.00

2. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD and/or PWTD for quality step increases or performance-based pay increases? If “yes”, please describe the trigger(s) in the text box.

- a. Pay Increases (PWD) Answer No
- b. Pay Increases (PWTD) Answer No

Other Awards	Total (#)	Reportable Disability %	Without Reportable Disability %	Targeted Disability %	Without Targeted Disability %
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3. If the agency has other types of employee recognition programs, are PWD and/or PWTD recognized disproportionately less than employees without disabilities? (The appropriate benchmark is the inclusion rate.) If “yes”, describe the employee recognition program and relevant data in the text box.

- a. Other Types of Recognition (PWD) Answer No
- b. Other Types of Recognition (PWTD) Answer No

D. PROMOTIONS

1. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to the senior grade levels? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. SES
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer Yes
- b. Grade GS-15
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer Yes
- c. Grade GS-14
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer Yes

- ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer Yes
- d. Grade GS-13
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer Yes

There were two (2) PWD who were qualified for Grade GS-13, none was selected internally for promotions.

2. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWTDD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to the senior grade levels? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. SES
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTDD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTDD) Answer Yes
- b. Grade GS-15
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTDD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTDD) Answer Yes
- c. Grade GS-14
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTDD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTDD) Answer Yes
- d. Grade GS-13
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTDD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTDD) Answer Yes

There were two (2) PWTDD who were qualified for Grade GS-13, none was selected internally for promotions.

3. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the new hires to the senior grade levels? For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. New Hires to SES (PWD) Answer Yes
- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWD) Answer Yes
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWD) Answer Yes
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWD) Answer No

The was one new hire selected with a disability

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Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the new hires to the senior grade levels? For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. New Hires to SES (PWTD) Answer No
- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWTD) Answer No
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWTD) Answer No
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWTD) Answer No

The were no new hires with targeted disabilities hired to the Senior Grade Levels

5. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to supervisory positions? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. Executives
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A
- b. Managers
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A
- c. Supervisors
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A

The EEO Director will meet with the HR office to find out if it is possible to capture this information.

6. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to supervisory positions? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

- a. Executives
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer Yes
- b. Managers
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer Yes
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer Yes
- c. Supervisors

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer Yes
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer Yes

The EEO Director will meet with the HR office to find out if it is possible to capture this information.

7. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the selectees for new hires to supervisory positions? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.
 - a. New Hires for Executives (PWD) Answer N/A
 - b. New Hires for Managers (PWD) Answer N/A
 - c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWD) Answer N/A

The EEO Director will meet with the HR office to find out if it is possible to capture this information. The tables does not break the New Hires down into these categories.

8. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the selectees for new hires to supervisory positions? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.
 - a. New Hires for Executives (PWTD) Answer N/A
 - b. New Hires for Managers (PWTD) Answer N/A
 - c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWTD) Answer N/A

The EEO Director will meet with the HR office to find out if it is possible to capture this information. The tables does not break the New Hires down into these categories

Section VI: Plan to Improve Retention of Persons with Disabilities

To be model employer for persons with disabilities, agencies must have policies and programs in place to retain employees with disabilities. In this section, agencies should: (1) analyze workforce separation data to identify barriers retaining employees with disabilities; (2) describe efforts to ensure accessibility of technology and facilities; and (3) provide information on the reasonable accommodation program and workplace assistance services.

A. VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS

1. In this reporting period, did the agency convert all eligible Schedule A employees with a disability into the competitive service after two years of satisfactory service (5 C.F.R. § 213.3102(u)(6)(i))? If “no”, please explain why the agency did not convert all eligible Schedule A employees.

Answer No

There were no eligible Schedule A employees in FY21

2. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, did the percentage of PWD among voluntary and involuntary separations exceed that of persons without disabilities? If “yes”, describe the trigger below.
 - a. Voluntary Separations (PWD) Answer No
 - b. Involuntary Separations (PWD) Answer No

Seperations	Total #	Reportable Disabilities %	Without Reportable Disabilities %
Permanent Workforce: Reduction in Force	0	0.00	0.00
Permanent Workforce: Removal	3	0.00	66.67
Permanent Workforce: Resignation	37	2.70	97.30
Permanent Workforce: Retirement	21	19.05	71.43
Permanent Workforce: Other Separations	23	4.35	86.96
Permanent Workforce: Total Separations	84	5.95	86.90

3. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, did the percentage of PWTD among voluntary and involuntary separations exceed that of persons without targeted disabilities? If “yes”, describe the trigger below.

a. Voluntary Separations (PWTD) Answer No

b. Involuntary Separations (PWTD) Answer No

Seperations	Total #	Targeted Disabilities %	Without Targeted Disabilities %
Permanent Workforce: Reduction in Force	0	0.00	0.00
Permanent Workforce: Removal	3	33.3	66.67
Permanent Workforce: Resignation	37	0.00	97.30
Permanent Workforce: Retirement	21	0.00	71.43
Permanent Workforce: Other Separations	23	0.00	86.96
Permanent Workforce: Total Separations	84	1.19	86.90

4. If a trigger exists involving the separation rate of PWD and/or PWTD, please explain why they left the agency using exit interview results and other data sources.

No trigger identified.

B. ACCESSIBILITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES

Pursuant to 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(4), federal agencies are required to inform applicants and employees of their rights under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794(b), concerning the accessibility of agency technology, and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 4151-4157), concerning the accessibility of agency facilities. In addition, agencies are required to inform individuals where to file complaints if other agencies are responsible for a violation.

1. Please provide the internet address on the agency’s public website for its notice explaining employees’ and applicants’ rights under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, including a description of how to file a complaint.

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2. Please provide the internet address on the agency’s public website for its notice explaining employees’ and applicants’ rights under the Architectural Barriers Act, including a description of how to file a complaint.

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3. Describe any programs, policies, or practices that the agency has undertaken, or plans on undertaking over the next fiscal year, designed to improve accessibility of agency facilities and/or technology.

The Agency is in the process of improving wheel chair accessibility in both locations

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C. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(d)(3), agencies must adopt, post on their public website, and make available to all job applicants and employees, reasonable accommodation procedures.

- 1. Please provide the average time frame for processing initial requests for reasonable accommodations during the reporting period. (Please do not include previously approved requests with repetitive accommodations, such as interpreting services.)

The average processing time for reasonable accommodation requests for FY 2021 was 21 days; as compared to the 30-day time frame in the reasonable accommodation procedures.

- 2. Describe the effectiveness of the policies, procedures, or practices to implement the agency’s reasonable accommodation program. Some examples of an effective program include timely processing requests, timely providing approved accommodations, conducting training for managers and supervisors, and monitoring accommodation requests for trends.

The agency reasonable accommodation process has been very effective. Reasonable Accommodation training was provide to the entire workforce in FY21. The EEO keeps a record of all requests and reviews them regularly.

D. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKPLACE

Pursuant to 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(5), federal agencies, as an aspect of affirmative action, are required to provide personal assistance services (PAS) to employees who need them because of a targeted disability, unless doing so would impose an undue hardship on the agency.

Describe the effectiveness of the policies, procedures, or practices to implement the PAS requirement. Some examples of an effective program include timely processing requests for PAS, timely providing approved services, conducting training for managers and supervisors, and monitoring PAS requests for trends.

We did not have any requests for PAS services in FY21.

Section VII: EEO Complaint and Findings Data

A. EEO COMPLAINT DATA INVOLVING HARASSMENT

- 1. During the last fiscal year, did a higher percentage of PWD file a formal EEO complaint alleging harassment, as compared to the governmentwide average?

Answer No

- 2. During the last fiscal year, did any complaints alleging harassment based on disability status result in a finding of discrimination or a settlement agreement?

Answer No

- 3. If the agency had one or more findings of discrimination alleging harassment based on disability status during the last fiscal year, please describe the corrective measures taken by the agency.

B. EEO COMPLAINT DATA INVOLVING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

- 1.

During the last fiscal year, did a higher percentage of PWD file a formal EEO complaint alleging failure to provide a reasonable accommodation, as compared to the government-wide average?

Answer No

2. During the last fiscal year, did any complaints alleging failure to provide reasonable accommodation result in a finding of discrimination or a settlement agreement?

Answer No

3. If the agency had one or more findings of discrimination involving the failure to provide a reasonable accommodation during the last fiscal year, please describe the corrective measures taken by the agency.

Section VIII: Identification and Removal of Barriers

Element D of MD-715 requires agencies to conduct a barrier analysis when a trigger suggests that a policy, procedure, or practice may be impeding the employment opportunities of a protected EEO group.

1. Has the agency identified any barriers (policies, procedures, and/or practices) that affect employment opportunities for PWD and/or PWTD?

Answer No

2. Has the agency established a plan to correct the barrier(s) involving PWD and/or PWTD?

Answer No

3. Identify each trigger and plan to remove the barrier(s), including the identified barrier(s), objective(s), responsible official(s), planned activities, and, where applicable, accomplishments

4. Please explain the factor(s) that prevented the agency from timely completing any of the planned activities.

5. For the planned activities that were completed, please describe the actual impact of those activities toward eliminating the barrier(s).

No planned activities.

6. If the planned activities did not correct the trigger(s) and/or barrier(s), please describe how the agency intends to improve the plan for the next fiscal year.

No planned activities.