

model QDROs in PBGC's booklet will be 1/4 hour of the alternate payee's time and \$533 in professional fees if the alternate payee hires an attorney or other professional to prepare the QDRO, or 10 hours of the alternate payee's time if the alternate payee prepares the QDRO without hiring an attorney or other professional; and that the total annual burden will be 234 hours and \$350,800.

The PBGC is updating the model QDROs and accompanying guidance. In particular, the revised booklet will reflect that, since the last approval, the PBGC has amended its regulations to make changes in how it pays benefits, including giving participants more choices of annuity benefit forms.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions, granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Grade, Acting Director,

Washington Services Branch, Center for Talent Services, Division for Human Products and Services, (202) 606-5027.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedule A, B and C between May 1, 2003 and May 31, 2003. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A's for May 2003.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B's for May 2003.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during May 2003:

#### Department of Agriculture

Director for Tobacco Programs to the Deputy Administrator. Effective May 7, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective May 15, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 16, 2003.

#### Department of Commerce

Special Assistant to the Director for the Executive Secretariat. Effective May 9, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Director for the Executive Secretariat. Effective May 16, 2003.

Speechwriter to the Director for Speechwriting. Effective May 27, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 30, 2003.

Senior Counsel to the Under Secretary for Intellectual Property and Director for U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Effective May 30, 2003.

#### Department of Defense

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Defense (Special Plans and Near East/South Asian Affairs). Effective May 2, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Defense (Special Plans and Near East/South Asian Affairs). Effective May 7, 2003.

Administrative Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective May 7, 2003.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective May 7, 2003.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy

Secretary for Defense. Effective May 27, 2003.

#### Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 6, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant (Executive Assistant). Effective May 19, 2003.

Director for White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 23, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective May 27, 2003.

#### Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs. Effective May 2, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Scheduling and Advance. Effective May 5, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. Effective May 7, 2003.

Congressional Relations Specialist to the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. Effective May 9, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs. Effective May 9, 2003.

Director for Climate Change Policy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for National Energy Policy. Effective May 30, 2003.

#### Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 13, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Aging (Commissioner for Aging). Effective May 14, 2003.

#### Department of Homeland Security Agency

Deputy Press Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective May 5, 2003.

Associate Executive Secretary (External Coordination) to the Executive Secretary. Effective May 9, 2003.

Deputy White House Liaison to the White House Liaison. Effective May 13, 2003.

Executive Assistant to the Executive Director for Homeland Security Advisory Council. Effective May 16, 2003.

Advance Representative to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective May 28, 2003.

#### Department of Housing and Urban Development

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional/Intergovernmental Relations. Effective May 13, 2003.