

found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. TUVAM addressed these issues sufficiently, and OSHA staff preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the application.

### III. Preliminary Finding on the Application

TUVAM submitted an acceptable application for expansion of its scope of recognition. OSHA's review of the application file and its detailed on-site assessments indicate that TUVAM can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding its recognition to include the addition of two sites for NRTL testing and certification. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of TUVAM's application.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether TUVAM meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. Commenters must submit the written request for an extension by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Room N-3508, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. These materials also are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA-2007-0043.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner and, after addressing the issues raised by these comments, will recommend to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health whether to grant TUVAM's application for expansion of its scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

### Authority and Signature

Dorothy Dougherty, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution

Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 28, 2017.

**Dorothy Dougherty,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

#### Hispanic Council on Federal Employment

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hispanic Council on Federal Employment (Council) meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the following time and location shown below:

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415, Room 1350.

The Council is an advisory committee composed of representatives from Hispanic organizations and senior government officials. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council shall advise the Director of the Office of Personnel Management on matters involving the recruitment, hiring, and advancement of Hispanics in the Federal workforce. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Chair of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA).

The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at any of the meetings. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zina Sutch, Director, for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Suite 5H35, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606-2433 FAX (202) 606-6012 or email at [Zina.Sutch@opm.gov](mailto:Zina.Sutch@opm.gov).

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Kathleen McGettigan,**

*Acting Director.*

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### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

#### January 2017 Pay Schedules

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President has signed an Executive order to implement the January 2017 pay adjustments for certain Federal civilian employees. The Executive order authorizes a 1 percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and locality pay increases costing approximately 1.1 percent of basic payroll, reflecting an overall average pay increase of 2.1 percent. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-2858 or [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 27, 2016, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13756 (81 FR 97099), which implemented the January 2017 pay adjustments. The Executive order provides an overall average pay increase of 2.1 percent for the statutory pay systems. This is consistent with the President's alternative pay plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(b) on August 31, 2016, and the President's alternative pay plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5304a on December 8, 2016.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O. 13756 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2017 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 13756 provides the rates for the 2017 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 1 percent increase from 2016. Executive Order 13756 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2017 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13756.)

All GS 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 2017, locality payments ranging from 15.06 percent to 38.17 percent apply to GS employees in the 47 locality pay areas. The 2017 locality pay area definitions

can be found at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2017/locality-pay-area-definitions/>.

The 2017 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2017 (January 8, 2017). 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 13756 establishes the new Executive Schedule which incorporates a 1 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 13756 establishes the 2017 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 \$124,406 in 2017. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$187,000 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$172,100 (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 1 percent (\$124,406 in 2017), which is the amount of the across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range is \$187,000 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$172,100 (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 (\$240,100 in 2017.)

Note that Section 101 of the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 114–254, December 10, 2016) provides continuing appropriations to Federal agencies through April 28, 2017, or the date of enactment of specified appropriations legislation. Under this continuing resolution, the authority and conditions provided in FY 2016 appropriations laws continue to apply. This language means that the freeze on

the payable pay rates for certain senior political appointees at 2013 levels—as provided in section 738 of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114–113, December 18, 2015—continues into calendar year 2017. On January 10, 2017, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2017–02) on the pay freeze for certain senior political officials. (See <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/pay-freeze-certain-senior-political-officials>.)

Executive Order 13756 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are increased by 1 percent, rounded to the nearest \$100 in 2017. The rate of basic pay for AL–1 is \$161,900 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL–2 is \$157,900. The rates of basic pay for AL–3/A through 3/F range from \$108,100 to \$149,600.

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 1 percent in 2017.

On November 17, 2016, 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 2017. 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/continuation-of-locality-payments-for-non-general-schedule-employees-november-17-2016.pdf>.

On December 27, 2016, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2016–20) on the January 2017 pay adjustments. (See <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/january-2017-pay-adjustments>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13756 and provided the 2017 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related information. The “2017 Salary Tables” posted on OPM's Web site 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.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Kathleen M. McGettigan,**

*Acting Director.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2017–93 and CP2017–128; MC2017–94 and CP2017–129]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing recent Postal Service filings for the Commission's consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* March 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the