

the new sample members, 5,000 will form a non-production bridge panel, intended to quantify the potential impacts of question modifications on key survey estimates. Based on recent survey cycles, NCSSES expects the overall response rate to be 65 to 75 percent.

*Estimate of Burden:* The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's educational history, employment status, and past response to the NSCG. The time to complete the 2021 NSCG web survey ranged from 19.6 minutes for some returning sample members to 27.3 minutes for members of the non-production bridge panel, and approximately 89% of respondents completed the web mode. Likewise, CATI interview times during the 2021 NSCG ranged from 32.5 minutes for some returning sample members to 42.2 minutes for new sample members, and about 4% of respondents completed via CATI. It was estimated that all forms of the 2021 NSCG paper questionnaire took 30 minutes to complete, and about 7% of respondents completed the paper form. Based on the 2021 cycle's survey completion times, it is estimated that it will take approximately 25 minutes, on average, to complete the 2023 NSCG questionnaire. NSF estimates that the average annual burden for the 2023 survey cycle over the course of the three-year OMB clearance period will be no more than 17,292 hours [(166,000 individuals × 75% response × 25 minutes)/3 years].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to 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.

Dated: April 8, 2022.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### January 2022 Pay Schedules

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain Federal civilian employees effective in January 2022. The Executive order authorizes a 2.2 percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and locality pay increases costing approximately 0.5 percent of basic payroll, reflecting an overall average pay increase of 2.7 percent. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kimberly Woods, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858 or *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 22, 2021, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14061 (86 FR 73601), which implemented pay adjustments for certain Federal civilian employees in January 2022. E.O. 14061 provides an overall average pay increase of 2.7 percent for the statutory pay systems. This is consistent with the President's alternative pay plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(b) and 5304a on August 27, 2021. The pay rates in E.O. 13970 have been superseded.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O. 14061 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2022 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 14061 provides the rates for the 2022 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 2.2 percent increase from 2021. Executive Order 14061 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2022 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 14061.)

General Schedule 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 2022, locality payments ranging from 16.20 percent to 42.74 percent apply to GS employees in the 54 locality pay areas. The 2022 locality pay area definitions can be found at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2022/locality-pay-area-definitions/>.

The 2022 locality pay percentages became effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January

1, 2022 (January 2, 2022). 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 14061 establishes the new Executive Schedule (EX), which incorporates a 2.2 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 14061 establishes the 2022 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 \$135,468 in 2022. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$203,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$187,300 (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 2.2 percent (\$135,468 in 2022), which is the amount of the across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range is \$203,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$187,300 (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 (\$261,400 in 2022.)

Note that section 747 of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, March 15, 2022), contains a provision that continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for the Vice President and certain senior political appointees at the rates of pay and applicable limitations on payable rates of pay in effect on December 31, 2021. The section 747 pay freeze is scheduled to end on the last day of the last pay period that begins in calendar year 2022 (December 31, 2022, for those on the standard biweekly pay period cycle). Future Congressional action will determine whether the pay freeze continues beyond that date. OPM guidance on the continued pay freeze for certain senior political officials can

be found in CPM 2022–09 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/continued-pay-freeze-certain-senior-political-officials-6>.

Executive Order 14061 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are increased by 2.2 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) in 2022. The rate of basic pay for AL–1 is \$176,300 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL–2 is \$171,900. The rates of basic pay for AL–3/A through 3/F range from \$117,600 to \$162,900.

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 2.2 percent in 2022.

On November 30, 2021, 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 2022. 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/2021/extension-of-locality-pay-memo-for-non-gs-employees-2022.pdf>.

On December 22, 2021, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2021–27) on the 2022 pay adjustments. (See <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/january-2022-pay-adjustments>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 14061 and provided the 2022 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related guidance. The “2022 Salary Tables” posted on OPM’s website 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.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Stephen Hickman,**

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Virtual Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that a virtual meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022. There will be no in-person gathering for this meeting.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on May 19, 2022, beginning at 10 a.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will convene virtually.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee’s attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606–2858. Contact Ana Paunoiu, 202–606–2858, or email [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee’s primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2019 are posted at <http://www.opm.gov/fprac>. Previous reports are also available, upon written request to the Committee.

This meeting is open to the public, with an audio option for listening. This notice sets forth the agenda for the meeting and the participation guidelines.

*Meeting Agenda.* The tentative agenda for this meeting includes the following Federal Wage System items:

- The definition of Monroe County, PA
- The definition of San Joaquin County, CA
- The definition of the Salinas-Monterey, CA, wage area
- The definition of the Puerto Rico wage area

*Public Participation:* The May 19, 2022, meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is open to the public through advance registration. Public participation is available for the meeting. All individuals who plan to attend the virtual public meeting to listen must register by sending an email to [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov) with the subject line “May 19 FPRAC Meeting” no later than Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

The following information must be provided when registering:

- Name.
- Agency and duty station.
- Email address.
- Your topic of interest.

Members of the press, in addition to registering for this event, must also RSVP to [media@opm.gov](mailto:media@opm.gov) by April 17, 2022.

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the registration. Audio teleconference information for participation will be sent to registrants the morning of the virtual meeting.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Stephen Hickman,**

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Notice of Request for Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Request for Comment.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), the In-space Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing (ISAM) Interagency Working Group coordinates science and technology policy, strategy, and federal research and development (R&D) pertaining to ISAM-related capabilities. NSTC operates under the auspices of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). This coordinated effort aims to ensure that U.S. leadership in servicing, assembly, manufacturing capabilities in space and their applications is maintained and expanded for future use. OSTP requests