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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
Department of the Air Force	Office of the Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment, and Logistics.	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	6/13/2013
			DA130098	6/25/2013
	Natural Resources Conservation Service.	Special Assistant	DA130093	6/13/2013
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Staff Assistant (Legislative Analyst).	DA130095	6/13/2013
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.	Senior Advisor	DA130104	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
	Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance.	Special Advisor	DC130057	6/7/2013
Department of Defense	Washington Headquarters Services.	Defense Fellow	DD130080	6/13/2013
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).	Speechwriter	DD130081	6/21/2013
Department of Education	Office of Vocational and Adult Education.	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges.	DB130048	6/6/2013
	Office for Civil Rights	Senior Counsel	DB130034	6/28/2013
	Office of the Under Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB130052	6/24/2013
		Deputy Under Secretary	DB130047	6/28/2013
Department of Energy	Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	Special Assistant for Clean Energy Manufacturing and Commercialization.	DE130039	6/18/2013
		Director of Legislative Affairs	DE130053	6/18/2013
		Senior Advisor	DE130070	6/25/2013
	Associate Administrator for External Affairs.	Congressional Affairs Specialist ...	DE130062	6/18/2013
		Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs.	DE130063	6/28/2013
	Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Policy.	DE130066	6/19/2013
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DE130067	6/28/2013
	Office of Management	Deputy Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance.	DE130071	6/28/2013
Environmental Protection Agency	Office of Public Affairs	Managing Editor	DE130073	6/28/2013
	Office of the Administrator	White House Liaison	EP130029	6/14/2013
	Office of the Associate Administrator for External Affairs and Environmental Education.	Director for Internal Communications.	EP130030	6/19/2013
Farm Credit Administration	Office of Congressional and Public Affairs.	Associate Director of Congressional Affairs.	FL130003	6/11/2013
General Services Administration ...	Office of Communications and Marketing.	Deputy Associate Administrator for Media Affairs.	GS130007	6/10/2013
		Press Secretary	GS130008	6/10/2013
	Office of the Administrator	Senior Advisor	GS130012	6/17/2013
		White House Liaison	GS130011	6/10/2013
	Public Buildings Service	Special Assistant	GS130013	6/17/2013
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Special Assistant	DH130069	6/3/2013
		Director of Provider Outreach	DH130089	6/17/2013
	Office of the Secretary	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
			DM130137	6/25/2013

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
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.		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	Veterans Employment and Training Service.	Chief of Staff	DL130035	6/21/2013
	Office of the Director	Special Assistant	BO130022	6/24/2013
Office of National Drug Control Policy.	Office of Legislative Affairs	Associate Director (Legislative Affairs).	QQ130003	6/19/2013
Office of the United States Trade Representative.	Office of the Ambassador	Confidential Assistant	TN130003	6/3/2013
Small Business Administration		Deputy Chief of Staff	TN130004	6/18/2013
	Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.	Special Advisor	SB130015	6/26/2013
Department of State	Bureau of Public Affairs	Deputy Spokesperson	DS130089	6/13/2013
	Bureau of Legislative Affairs	Legislative Management Officer ..	DS130091	6/14/2013
	Foreign Policy Planning Staff	Speechwriter (3)	DS130094	6/28/2013
			DS130095	6/28/2013
Department of Transportation			DS130096	6/28/2013
	Administrator	Director of Communications	DT130025	6/25/2013
Department of the Treasury	Office of Congressional Affairs	Director of Congressional Affairs ..	DT130027	6/25/2013
	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
Department of Agriculture	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
	Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.	Special Assistant	DA090139	6/1/2013
Department of Commerce	Office of the White House Liaison	Special Advisor	DC130025	6/1/2013
Department of Education	Office of Innovation and Improvement.	Confidential Assistant	DB120102	6/1/2013
	Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.	Special Assistant	DB120006	6/7/2013
	Office of the General Counsel	Confidential Assistant	DB110110	6/11/2013
Department of Energy		Deputy General Counsel for Accountability.	DB100055	6/14/2013
	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
	Bureau of International Labor Affairs.	Special Assistant	DL100008	6/1/2013
Department of the Interior	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
			GS120023	6/15/2013
Office of the Secretary of Defense	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs).	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