CHARTER FOR THE FEDERAL PREVAILING RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION: Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee

2. AUTHORITY: The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is established under section 5347 of title 5, United States Code, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App 2.

3. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Committee shall study the prevailing rate system and other matters pertinent to the establishment of prevailing rates under 5 U.S.C. chapter 53, subchapter IV, as amended.

4. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: The Committee makes recommendations to the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management on the prevailing rate system for Federal blue-collar workers including—

   (1) Definitions of local wage areas;

   (2) Coverage of local wage surveys, including the occupations, establishment sizes, and industries to be surveyed and how surveys are conducted; and

   (3) Policies on basic and premium pay administration.

5. AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Chairman of the Committee reports to the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

6. SUPPORT: As provided by 5 U.S.C. 5347, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management provides such clerical and professional personnel as the Chairman of the Committee considers appropriate and necessary to carry out the functions of the Committee.

7. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS IN DOLLARS AND STAFF YEARS: Using current salary schedules (2012), the estimated annual operating expenses of the Committee are $275,112. Its estimated staff years are 1.6 full-time equivalents (FTEs).

8. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER: The Deputy Associate Director, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, serves as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) to the Committee. The Committee will meet at the call of the Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, in consultation with the DFO or his designee. The Chairman, in consultation with the DFO or his designee, will prepare and approve all meeting agendas. The DFO or his designee will attend all meetings and adjourn any meeting when he determines adjournment to be in the public interest.

9. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The meeting schedule contemplated for the Committee is one meeting per month throughout a calendar year; more frequent meetings shall be scheduled when deemed necessary.

10. DURATION: There is no time limit set forth in 5 U.S.C. chapter 53, subchapter IV. The mandate of the Committee is one of a continuing nature until amended or revoked by act of Congress.

11. TERMINATION: There is no statutory termination date. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is permanently established by Public Law 92-392, and its charter is renewed every 2 years under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463). The Chairman of the Committee serves for a 4-year term, as set forth in 5 U.S.C. 5347(a)(1). Management members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Labor membership is reviewed every 2 years to assure entitlement under the criteria set forth in 5 U.S.C. 5347(b).

12. MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION: The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee has five management members, five labor members, and one Chairman appointed by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

13. SUBCOMMITTEES: The Chairman of the Committee may, with U.S. Office of Personnel Management approval, form Working Groups to study specific technical issues and report back to the full Committee. Working Groups do not provide advice or work products directly to the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

14. RECORDKEEPING: The records of the Committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2. The Committee's records are available for public inspection and copying at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

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