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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](mailto: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.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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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/](http://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
	Office of the Administrator .....	Press Secretary .....	GS130008	6/10/2013
		Senior Advisor .....	GS130012	6/17/2013
		White House Liaison .....	GS130011	6/10/2013
Department of Health and Human Services.	Public Buildings Service .....	Special Assistant .....	GS130013	6/17/2013
	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
		Director of Scheduling and Advance.	DI130042	6/26/2013
Department of Justice .....	Assistant Secretary—Water and Science.	Counselor .....	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 .....	Administrator .....	Director of Communications .....	DT130025	6/25/2013
	Office of Congressional Affairs .....	Director of Congressional Affairs ..	DT130027	6/25/2013
Department of the Treasury .....	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 Assistant Chief .....	DA120007	6/1/2013
Department of Commerce .....	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
	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
		Deputy General Counsel for Accountability.	DB100055	6/14/2013
Department of Energy .....	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
Department of the Interior .....	Bureau of International Labor Affairs.	Special Assistant .....	DL100008	6/1/2013
	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
Office of the Secretary of Defense	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs).		GS120023	6/15/2013
		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)

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<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