Appendix F – ERR and SSR Example for Death-In-Service

The death-in-service business example is intended to depict a realistic employee scenario to demonstrate the type of information to provide when an active employee dies, the relationships between data elements, and how repeating fields can be used. The example only reflects a subset of the retirement data elements that may be provided when an employee dies while in service, as applicable to the scenario. The summary of service record is also included in this example and is expected to be provided when the employee dies while in service.

In the example, the employee worked as a Nurse Anesthetist for the Veterans Health Administration (Veterans Affairs) from January 2008 until his death in November 2010. The employee applied for OWCP benefits due to an on-the-job injury and was awaiting a decision from the Department of Labor. The employee’s death is believed to be related to the injury sustained at work. The employee was 51 years old at the time of death and had FERS coverage.

This example demonstrates how an Agency would complete two data feeds: (1) the ERR for death-in-service and (2) the SSR for death-in-service.

The examples are provided in Excel and XML.

The Excel version can be found using the following link:


The XML version can be found using the following link: