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PART I
INTRODUCTION

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The Committee membership was changed in 2017 to conform to the practice of rotating the military department representation on the Committee among Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Department of the Air Force representative was replaced by the representative from the Department of the Navy.

Only one Committee meeting was held in calendar year 2017 due to the vacancy of the Chairman position. This meeting was open to the public. The meeting was held in the Director’s Executive Conference Room or in Room 7H31’s Conference Room, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415.

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PART II
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SUMMARY OF 2017 RECOMMENDATIONS

No issues were resolved either by consensus or by formal recommendation at the January 12, 2017, meeting.

Additional Matters Discussed

- Fiscal Year 2017 Prevailing Rate Pay Adjustment, 619-OPM-1
- Draft, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Annual Summary, 2016, 619-OC-1
PART III

FEDERAL PREVAILING RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AT 2017 MEETINGS

Meeting 619 – January 12, 2017

- Letter from the National Association of Government Employees, Dated March 9, 2016, Requesting FPRAC Reexamine the Placement of Wage Grade Employees Working in Shawnee County, KS
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    - HVAC Coverage in Kansas City Wage Area by Topeka WG Employees
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15. FILING DATE: FEB 16 2016

APPROVED:

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Acting Director
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Date
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2018
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FEDERAL PREVAILING RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF 2018 RECOMMENDATIONS

Issues resolved by consensus

(1) 620-MGT-4\textsuperscript{1}. North American Industry Classification System Based Federal Wage System Wage Surveys (2017 Update)

The Committee recommended by consensus to update the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes used in FWS wage survey industry regulations with the 2017 NAICS revisions published by the Office of Management and Budget. The NAICS revisions for 2017 result in minor changes in industry coverage for FWS wage surveys.

(2) 620-MGT-5. Amendment to section 532.259(a) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations

The Committee recommended by consensus that OPM amend the special appropriated fund wage schedules for U.S. insular areas in section 532.259(a) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, to designate the Department of Defense (DOD) as the sole lead agency for American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Midway, and the U.S. Virgin Island.

(3) 620-MGT-6. Definition of St. Joseph County, Indiana, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) requested that OPM define St. Joseph County, Indiana, to a nonappropriated fund (NAF) FWS wage area for pay-setting purposes because the Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) now employs one NAF FWS employee at VCS #341 in the St. Joseph County VA Clinic, and the county was not defined in OPM’s regulations.

The management members of FPRAC introduced the issue at the 620\textsuperscript{th} FPRAC meeting on September 20, 2018, in FPRAC document 620-MGT-6, Definition of St. Joseph County, Indiana, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area. OPM compared St. Joseph County to the Lake, IL; Macomb, MI; and Greene-Montgomery, OH, NAF FWS wage areas. While a standard review of regulatory criteria shows mixed results, the proximity criterion solidly favors the Lake wage area.

The Committee recommended by consensus to define St. Joseph County to the area of

\textsuperscript{1}Document numbers listed in this report refer to official documents of FPRAC. The first 3-digit number is the meeting number where the document was first introduced. The alpha characters indicate which committee member(s) submitted the documents. “OPM” indicates a document submitted by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. “MGT” indicates that the document was submitted jointly by all the management members. “DOD” indicates a document submitted by the Department of Defense. “LBR” indicates a joint labor document. The number following the alpha characters indicates the chronological order of the document(s) submitted by the organization for that meeting.
(4) 620-MGT-7. Definition of Lucas County, Ohio, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

VA requested that OPM define Lucas County, Ohio, to a NAF FWS wage area for pay-setting purposes because VCS now employs one NAF FWS employee at VCS #306 in the Toledo Community Based Outpatient Clinic, and the county was not defined in OPM’s regulations.

The management members of FPRAC introduced the issue at the 620th FPRAC meeting on September 20, 2018, in FPRAC document 620-MGT-7, *Definition of Lucas County, Ohio, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area*. OPM compared Lucas County to the Macomb, MI, and Greene-Montgomery, OH, NAF FWS wage areas. While a standard review of regulatory criteria shows mixed results, the proximity criterion solidly favors the Macomb wage area.

The Committee recommended by consensus to define Lucas County to the area of application of the Macomb NAF FWS wage area.

(5) 620-MGT-8. Definition of Greene County, Missouri, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

VA requested that OPM define Greene County, Ohio, to a NAF FWS wage area for pay-setting purposes because VCS would soon employ one NAF FWS employee at VCS #343 in the Gene Taylor Community Based Outpatient Clinic, and the county was not defined in OPM’s regulations.

The management members of FPRAC introduced the issue at the 620th FPRAC meeting on September 20, 2018, in FPRAC document 620-MGT-8, *Definition of Greene County, Missouri, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area*. OPM compared Greene County to the Pulaski, AR; St. Clair, IL; and Leavenworth-Jackson-Johnson, KS, NAF FWS wage areas. Although the proximity criterion does not favor one wage area more than another, the closest survey area to Greene County is the Leavenworth-Jackson-Johnson wage area.

The Committee recommended by consensus to define Greene County to the area of application of the Leavenworth-Jackson-Johnson NAF FWS wage area.

(6) 620-MGT-9. Redefinition of the Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

DOD requested that OPM remove the municipalities of Ceiba, Isabela, Toa Baja, and Vieques, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix and St. Thomas from the wage area definition of the Guaynabo-San Juan, PR, NAF FWS wage area. These locations were defined to the area of application of the Guaynabo-San Juan NAF wage area.

No NAF FWS employment has been reported in the municipalities of Ceiba, Isabela, Toa Baja, and Vieques since 2009 nor in the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix and St. Thomas since the closure of Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) stores in 2012 and 2015,
respectively. NAF employers have no plans to establish activities in these locations in the future. Under 5 U.S.C. 5343(a)(1)(B)(i), NAF wage areas “shall not extend beyond the immediate locality in which the particular prevailing rate employees are employed.” Therefore, the municipalities of Ceiba, Isabela, Toa Baja, and Vieques and the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix and St. Thomas should not be defined as part of an NAF wage area.

DOD also requested that OPM define the municipality of Mayaguez, PR, to a NAF FWS wage area for pay-setting purposes because VCS now employs two NAF FWS employees at VCS #373 in the Mayaguez Outpatient Clinic, and the municipality was not defined in OPM’s regulations. The Guaynabo-San Juan wage area is the only NAF wage area in Puerto Rico.

The management members of FPRAC introduced both issues at the 620th FPRAC meeting on September 20, 2018, in FPRAC document 620-MGT-9, *Redefinition of the Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area.*

The Committee recommended by consensus to define the municipality of Mayaguez to the Guaynabo-San Juan wage area, and to remove the municipalities of Ceiba, Isabela, Toa Baja, and Vieques and the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Croix and St. Thomas from the wage area definition of the Guaynabo-San Juan wage area.

(7) 620-MGT-10. Alaska Set-Aside Area Differential Schedules

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requested approval to pay the United States Coast Guard’s (USCG’s) Federal Wage System (FWS) employees with official duty stations in Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Sitka, Alaska, from the Alaska 12 percent remote area differential set-aside schedule. USCG is responsible for an array of maritime duties, from ensuring safe and lawful commerce to performing rescue missions in severe conditions. To carry out its responsibilities, USCG now employs 41 FWS employees in Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Sitka. Accessible only by sea and air, these three locations experience a high degree of isolation, challenging climatic conditions, and inadequate housing.

The Committee recommended by consensus at its 620th meeting to extend the Alaska 12 percent remote differential wage schedule for USCG activities in Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Sitka to ensure USCG is able to recruit and retain qualified FWS employees at those locations.
Issues tabled

(1) 620-MGT-3. Review of the San Antonio, Texas, Federal Wage System Wage Area

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) requested that OPM consider combining the San Antonio, Texas, FWS wage area with the Corpus Christi, TX, FWS wage area because labor members at the local level expressed concern that the rates of pay for aircraft maintenance positions are substantially lower in the San Antonio wage area than in the Corpus Christi wage area.

The management members reviewed the definition of the San Antonio wage area and recommended that the San Antonio wage area continue to be defined as a separate wage area. The review explained that the differences between the San Antonio and Corpus Christi wage schedules are based on the market data collected locally by DOD.

The Committee members agreed to table the review of the San Antonio wage area because the Committee could not come to consensus at this time. Any member of the Committee may choose to introduce the subject at a future date.
**Additional Matters Discussed**

- Federal Rate Advisory Committee Annual Summary, 2016, 620-OC-1
- Charter for the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, 620-OC-2
- FPRAC Membership Roster for FY 2018, 620-OC-3
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- 2018 Update to Definition of Pitt County, North Carolina, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area
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Meeting 621 – October 18, 2018

- Letter from the National Association of Government Employees, Dated March 9, 2016, Requesting FPRAC Reexamine the Placement of Wage Grade Employees Working in Shawnee County, KS
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  - Excerpt from FPRAC Transcript of 596th Meeting Regarding the Abolishment of the Portland, Maine, Wage Area

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    - Estimated 5-Year Cost Projection of Application of AFGE’s September 6, 2018, Request
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