Affirmative Action Plan
for the Recruitment, Hiring, Advancement, and Retention of Persons with Disabilities

To capture agencies’ affirmative action plan for persons with disabilities (PWD) and persons with targeted disabilities (PWTD), EEOC regulations (29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(e)) and MD-715 require agencies to describe how their affirmative action plan will improve the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of applicants and employees with disabilities.

Section I: Efforts to Reach Regulatory Goals

EEOC regulations (29 CFR §1614.203(d)(7)) require agencies to establish specific numerical goals for increasing the participation of persons with disabilities and persons with targeted disabilities in the federal government.

1. Using the goal of 12% as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD by grade level cluster in the permanent workforce? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box.
   a. Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 (PWD) Answer Yes
   b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWD) Answer Yes

There was 1 employee with a disability in Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 and 31 in Cluster GS-11 to SL, both of which fell below the 12% benchmark.

*For GS employees, please use two clusters: GS-1 to GS-10 and GS-11 to SES, as set forth in 29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(d)(7). For all other pay plans, please use the approximate grade clusters that are above or below GS-11 Step 1 in the Washington, DC metropolitan region.

2. Using the goal of 2% as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD by grade level cluster in the permanent workforce? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box.
   a. Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 (PWTD) Answer Yes
   b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWTD) Answer No

There were no employees with targeted disabilities in Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 thus falling below the 2% benchmark.

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3. Describe how the agency has communicated the numerical goals to the hiring managers and/or recruiters.

Hiring managers are made aware of hiring goals and initiatives during discussion concerning vacancies and recruitment options and during supervisory level training.

Section II: Model Disability Program

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(d)(1), agencies must ensure sufficient staff, training and resources to recruit and hire persons with disabilities and persons with targeted disabilities, administer the reasonable accommodation program and special emphasis program, and oversee any other disability hiring and advancement program the agency has in place.
A. PLAN TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT & COMPETENT STAFFING FOR THE DISABILITY PROGRAM

1. Has the agency designated sufficient qualified personnel to implement its disability program during the reporting period? If “no”, describe the agency’s plan to improve the staffing for the upcoming year.

Answer  Yes

2. Identify all staff responsible for implementing the agency's disability employment program by the office, staff employment status, and responsible official.

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3. Has the agency provided disability program staff with sufficient training to carry out their responsibilities during the reporting period? If “yes”, describe the training that disability program staff have received. If “no”, describe the training planned for the upcoming year.

Answer  Yes

The staff participated in staffing and recruitment courses offered by OPM that included information on special hiring authorities.

B. PLAN TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE DISABILITY PROGRAM

Has the agency provided sufficient funding and other resources to successfully implement the disability program during the reporting period? If “no”, describe the agency’s plan to ensure all aspects of the disability program have sufficient funding and other resources.

Answer  Yes
Section III: Program Deficiencies In The Disability Program

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Section IV: Plan to Recruit and Hire Individuals with Disabilities

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §1614.203(d)(1)(i) and (ii), agencies must establish a plan to increase the recruitment and hiring of individuals with disabilities. The questions below are designed to identify outcomes of the agency’s recruitment program plan for PWD and PWTD

A. PLAN TO IDENTIFY JOB APPLICATIONS WITH DISABILITIES

1. Describe the programs and resources the agency uses to identify job applicants with disabilities, including individuals with targeted disabilities.

Vacancy announcements will be made available to disability advocacy groups and non-profit educational and professional organizations. The Pathways program and Schedule A will be emphasized as sources for targeted recruiting.

2. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §1614.203(a)(3), describe the agency’s use of hiring authorities that take disability into account (e.g., Schedule A) to recruit PWD and PWTD for positions in the permanent workforce

Schedule A is most widely used to recruit PWD and PWTD. Qualified applicants are referred to hiring officials as appropriate.

3. When individuals apply for a position under a hiring authority that takes disability into account (e.g., Schedule A), explain how the agency (1) determines if the individual is eligible for appointment under such authority; and, (2) forwards the individual's application to the relevant hiring officials with an explanation of how and when the individual may be appointed.

An individual's eligibility is determined using pertinent documentation which verifies that person has a disability. Eligibility is also assessed regarding if the candidate meets the qualifications to perform the functions of the vacancy, with or without a reasonable accommodation. Once all of the information is taken into account, a list of eligible candidates is provided to the hiring official.

4. Has the agency provided training to all hiring managers on the use of hiring authorities that take disability into account (e.g., Schedule A)? If “yes”, describe the type(s) of training and frequency. If “no”, describe the agency’s plan to provide this training.

Answer  Yes

Supervisory training sessions included instruction on the use of special hiring authorities, hiring reform and other HR management topics. In addition, since 2018, Disability Compliance and Reasonable Accommodation reside in the Division of Human Capital.

B. PLAN TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Describe the agency’s efforts to establish and maintain contacts with organizations that assist PWD, including PWTD, in securing and maintaining employment.
The agency continued to distribute vacancy announcements to various disability and advocacy groups that provide services to people with disabilities.

C. PROGRESSION TOWARDS GOALS (RECRUITMENT AND HIRING)

1. Using the goals of 12% for PWD and 2% for PWTD as the benchmarks, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the new hires in the permanent workforce? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below.
   a. New Hires for Permanent Workforce (PWD) Answer Yes
   b. New Hires for Permanent Workforce (PWTD) Answer Yes

There were no new hires that were PWD or PWTD so the benchmark was not met.

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2. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the new hires for any of the mission-critical occupations (MCO)? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.
   a. New Hires for MCO (PWD) Answer Yes
   b. New Hires for MCO (PWTD) Answer Yes

There were no PWD or PWTD among MCO hires.

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3. Using the relevant applicant pool as the benchmark, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the qualified internal applicants for any of the mission-critical occupations (MCO)? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.
   a. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWD) Answer Yes
   b. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWTD) Answer Yes

There were no PWD or PWTD among MCO hires or internal applicants.

4. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, do triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among employees promoted to any of the mission-critical occupations (MCO)? If “yes”, please describe the triggers below. Select “n/a” if the
applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

a. Promotions for MCO (PWD)  
   Answer  Yes

b. Promotions for MCO (PWTD)  
   Answer  Yes

There were no PWD or PWTD among MCO hires or promotions.

Section V: Plan to Ensure Advancement Opportunities for Employees with Disabilities

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. §1614.203(d)(1)(iii), agencies are required to provide sufficient advancement opportunities for employees with disabilities. Such activities might include specialized training and mentoring programs, career development opportunities, awards programs, promotions, and similar programs that address advancement. In this section, agencies should identify, and provide data on programs designed to ensure advancement opportunities for employees with disabilities.

A. ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

Describe the agency’s plan to ensure PWD, including PWTD, have sufficient opportunities for advancement.

B. CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Please describe the career development opportunities that the agency provides to its employees.

   During the reporting period, it is unknown how many employees were afforded career development opportunities. The information is unavailable due to prior system migration. In addition, there was no EEO Director in place for most of the reporting period and that individual did not leave historical records.

2. In the table below, please provide the data for career development opportunities that require competition and/or supervisory recommendation/approval to participate.

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3. Do triggers exist for PWD among the applicants and/or selectees for any of the career development programs? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for the applicants and the applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. Applicants (PWD)  
      Answer  N/A

   b. Selections (PWD)  
      Answer  N/A
There are no formal coaching/mentoring programs in the Agency during the reporting period.

4. Do triggers exist for PWTD among the applicants and/or selectees for any of the career development programs? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for the applicants and the applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. Applicants (PWTD)  Answer  N/A
   b. Selections (PWTD)  Answer  N/A

There are no formal coaching/mentoring programs in the Agency during the reporting period.

C. AWARDS

1. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD and/or PWTD for any level of the time-off awards, bonuses, or other incentives? If “yes”, please describe the trigger(s) in the text box.

   a. Awards, Bonuses, & Incentives (PWD)  Answer  No
   b. Awards, Bonuses, & Incentives (PWTD)  Answer  No

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<th>Time-Off Awards</th>
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2. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD and/or PWTD for quality step increases or performance-based pay increases? If “yes”, please describe the trigger(s) in the text box.

   a. Pay Increases (PWD)  Answer  No
   b. Pay Increases (PWTD)  Answer  No

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3. If the agency has other types of employee recognition programs, are PWD and/or PWTD recognized disproportionately less than employees without disabilities? (The appropriate benchmark is the inclusion rate.) If “yes”, describe the employee recognition program and relevant data in the text box.

   a. Other Types of Recognition (PWD)  Answer  No
   b. Other Types of Recognition (PWTD)  Answer  No

D. PROMOTIONS

1. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to the senior grade levels? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”,

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describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

a. SES
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A

b. Grade GS-15
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A

c. Grade GS-14
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A

d. Grade GS-13
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer N/A

Information regarding Internal applicants and selections was not kept during the reporting period as a program manager was not in place at the time to record the historical data and keep it for continuity purposes.

2. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to the senior grade levels? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

a. SES
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer N/A

b. Grade GS-15
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer N/A

c. Grade GS-14
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer N/A

d. Grade GS-13
   i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer N/A
   ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer N/A
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3. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the new hires to the senior grade levels? For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. New Hires to SES (PWD)  Answer  Yes
   b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWD) Answer  Yes
   c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWD) Answer  Yes
   d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWD) Answer  Yes

Due to there being no record of employees with disabilities hired or identified among the applicant pools, the finding suggests the existence of a trigger.

4. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the new hires to the senior grade levels? For non-GS pay plans, please use the approximate senior grade levels. If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. New Hires to SES (PWTD) Answer  Yes
   b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWTD) Answer  Yes
   c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWTD) Answer  Yes
   d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWTD) Answer  Yes

Due to there being no record of employees with disabilities hired or identified among the applicant pools, the finding suggests the existence of a trigger.

5. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to supervisory positions? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. Executives
      i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD)  Answer  Yes
      ii. Internal Selections (PWD)  Answer  Yes

   b. Managers
      i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD)  Answer  Yes
      ii. Internal Selections (PWD)  Answer  Yes

   c. Supervisors
      i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD)  Answer  Yes
      ii. Internal Selections (PWD)  Answer  Yes
Due to there being no record of employees with disabilities hired or identified among the applicant pools, the finding suggests the existence of a trigger.

6. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the qualified internal applicants and/or selectees for promotions to supervisory positions? (The appropriate benchmarks are the relevant applicant pool for qualified internal applicants and the qualified applicant pool for selectees.) If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. Executives
      i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer Yes
      ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer Yes
   b. Managers
      i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer Yes
      ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer Yes
   c. Supervisors
      i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer Yes
      ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer Yes

Due to there being no record of employees with disabilities hired or identified among the applicant pools, the finding suggests the existence of a trigger.

7. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWD among the selectees for new hires to supervisory positions? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. New Hires for Executives (PWD) Answer Yes
   b. New Hires for Managers (PWD) Answer Yes
   c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWD) Answer Yes

Due to there being no record of employees with disabilities hired or identified among the applicant pools, the finding suggests the existence of a trigger.

8. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTD among the selectees for new hires to supervisory positions? If “yes”, describe the trigger(s) in the text box. Select “n/a” if the applicant data is not available for your agency, and describe your plan to provide the data in the text box.

   a. New Hires for Executives (PWTD) Answer Yes
   b. New Hires for Managers (PWTD) Answer Yes
   c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWTD) Answer Yes

Due to there being no record of employees with disabilities hired or identified among the applicant pools, the finding suggests the existence of a trigger.

Section VI: Plan to Improve Retention of Persons with Disabilities
To be model employer for persons with disabilities, agencies must have policies and programs in place to retain employees with disabilities. In this section, agencies should: (1) analyze workforce separation data to identify barriers retaining employees with disabilities; (2) describe efforts to ensure accessibility of technology and facilities; and (3) provide information on the reasonable accommodation program and workplace assistance services.

A. VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS

1. In this reporting period, did the agency convert all eligible Schedule A employees with a disability into the competitive service after two years of satisfactory service (5 C.F.R. § 213.3102(u)(6)(i))? If “no”, please explain why the agency did not convert all eligible Schedule A employees.

   Answer  N/A

   The agency did not have any Schedule A employees during the reporting period.

2. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, did the percentage of PWD among voluntary and involuntary separations exceed that of persons without disabilities? If “yes”, describe the trigger below.

   a. Voluntary Separations (PWD)  Answer  No
   b. Involuntary Separations (PWD)  Answer  No

3. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, did the percentage of PWTD among voluntary and involuntary separations exceed that of persons without targeted disabilities? If “yes”, describe the trigger below.

   a. Voluntary Separations (PWTD)  Answer  No
   b. Involuntary Separations (PWTD)  Answer  No

4. If a trigger exists involving the separation rate of PWD and/or PWTD, please explain why they left the agency using exit interview results and other data sources.

B. ACCESSIBILITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES

Pursuant to 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(4), federal agencies are required to inform applicants and employees of their rights under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794(b), concerning the accessibility of agency technology, and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 4151-4157), concerning the accessibility of agency facilities. In addition, agencies are required to inform individuals where to file complaints if other agencies are responsible for a violation.

1. Please provide the internet address on the agency’s public website for its notice explaining employees’ and applicants’ rights under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, including a description of how to file a complaint.

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2. Please provide the internet address on the agency’s public website for its notice explaining employees’ and applicants’ rights under the
Architectural Barriers Act, including a description of how to file a complaint.

3. Describe any programs, policies, or practices that the agency has undertaken, or plans on undertaking over the next fiscal year, designed to improve accessibility of agency facilities and/or technology.

The agency is currently exploring how to better fulfill 508 compliance requirements for posting information internally and externally. In addition the agency plans to take a look at overhauling it's Disability program to better promote inclusion and access for all individuals.

C. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.203(d)(3), agencies must adopt, post on their public website, and make available to all job applicants and employees, reasonable accommodation procedures.

1. Please provide the average time frame for processing initial requests for reasonable accommodations during the reporting period. (Please do not include previously approved requests with repetitive accommodations, such as interpreting services.)

Requests for Reasonable Accommodation were evaluated within a 30 day time frame on average.

2. Describe the effectiveness of the policies, procedures, or practices to implement the agency’s reasonable accommodation program. Some examples of an effective program include timely processing requests, timely providing approved accommodations, conducting training for managers and supervisors, and monitoring accommodation requests for trends.

Concerted efforts were made agency-wide to timely process reasonable accommodations.

D. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKPLACE

Pursuant to 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(5), federal agencies, as an aspect of affirmative action, are required to provide personal assistance services (PAS) to employees who need them because of a targeted disability, unless doing so would impose an undue hardship on the agency.

Describe the effectiveness of the policies, procedures, or practices to implement the PAS requirement. Some examples of an effective program include timely processing requests for PAS, timely providing approved services, conducting training for managers and supervisors, and monitoring PAS requests for trends.

During the reporting period, there was no policy for PAS. An effort to finalize PAS policy was began in FY2020 and completed in March/April of 2020.

Section VII: EEO Complaint and Findings Data

A. EEO COMPLAINT DATA INVOLVING HARASSMENT

1. During the last fiscal year, did a higher percentage of PWD file a formal EEO complaint alleging harassment, as compared to the governmentwide average?

   Answer  No

2. During the last fiscal year, did any complaints alleging harassment based on disability status result in a finding of discrimination or a settlement agreement?

   Answer  No
3. If the agency had one or more findings of discrimination alleging harassment based on disability status during the last fiscal year, please describe the corrective measures taken by the agency.

B. EEO COMPLAINT DATA INVOLVING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

1. During the last fiscal year, did a higher percentage of PWD file a formal EEO complaint alleging failure to provide a reasonable accommodation, as compared to the government-wide average?

   Answer  No

2. During the last fiscal year, did any complaints alleging failure to provide reasonable accommodation result in a finding of discrimination or a settlement agreement?

   Answer  No

3. If the agency had one or more findings of discrimination involving the failure to provide a reasonable accommodation during the last fiscal year, please describe the corrective measures taken by the agency.

   There were no findings of discrimination.

Section VIII: Identification and Removal of Barriers

*Element D of MD-715 requires agencies to conduct a barrier analysis when a trigger suggests that a policy, procedure, or practice may be impeding the employment opportunities of a protected EEO group.*

1. Has the agency identified any barriers (policies, procedures, and/or practices) that affect employment opportunities for PWD and/or PWTD?

   Answer  No

2. Has the agency established a plan to correct the barrier(s) involving PWD and/or PWTD?

   Answer  No

3. Identify each trigger and plan to remove the barrier(s), including the identified barrier(s), objective(s), responsible official(s), planned activities, and, where applicable, accomplishments

4. Please explain the factor(s) that prevented the agency from timely completing any of the planned activities.

5. For the planned activities that were completed, please describe the actual impact of those activities toward eliminating the barrier(s).

6. If the planned activities did not correct the trigger(s) and/or barrier(s), please describe how the agency intends to improve the plan for the next fiscal year.