

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 No
- b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWD) Answer No

The MSPB workforce is largely higher-graded. There are only fourteen (14) persons in the GS-1 to GS-10 cluster, whereas there are 185 employees in the higher grades (GS-11-SES). With three persons with disabilities (21.4% PWD) in the smaller group, and 27 persons with disabilities in the larger group (14.6% PWD), there are no triggers for disability employment in either cluster. MSPB exceeds the 12% Federal disability employment goal for both groups.

*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 No
- b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWTD) Answer No

The MSPB workforce is largely higher-graded. There are only fourteen (14) persons in the GS-1 to GS-10 cluster, whereas there are 185 employees in the higher grades (GS-11-SES). With one person with a targeted disability (7.1% PWTD) in the smaller group, and six persons with targeted disabilities in the larger group (3.2% PWTD), there are no triggers for disability employment in either cluster. MSPB exceeds the 2% Federal targeted disability employment goal for both groups.

| Grade Level Cluster(GS or Alternate Pay Planb) | Total | Reportable Disability | | Targeted Disability | |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|
| | # | # | % | # | % |
| Numerical Goal | -- | 12% | | 2% | |
| Grades GS-1 to GS-10 | 11 | 2 | 18.18 | 1 | 9.09 |
| Grades GS-11 to SES | 185 | 17 | 9.19 | 5 | 2.70 |

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

The EEO Director attends a monthly leadership meeting, and disability affirmative employment goals are described several times a year in discussions and in a formal State of the Agency MD-715 briefing.

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

- 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

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

| Disability Program Task | # of FTE Staff By Employment Status | | | Responsible Official (Name, Title, Office Email) |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Collateral Duty | |
| Section 508 Compliance | 1 | 0 | 0 | Dennis Oden, Accessibility Manager, OCB, dennis.oden@mspb.gov |
| Answering questions from the public about hiring authorities that take disability into account | 2 | 0 | 0 | Jess Lang, EEO Director, OEEEO, jessica.lang@mspb.gov |
| Special Emphasis Program for PWD and PWTD | 1 | 0 | 0 | Jess Lang, EEO Director, OEEEO, jessica.lang@mspb.gov |
| Processing applications from PWD and PWTD | 3 | 0 | 0 | Jodi Light, HR Specialist, APHIS, jodi.i.light@aphis.usda.gov |
| Processing reasonable accommodation requests from applicants and employees | 3 | 0 | 0 | Jess Lang, EEO Director, OEEEO, jessica.lang@mspb.gov |
| Architectural Barriers Act Compliance | 1 | 0 | 0 | Dennis Oden, Accessibility Program Manager, OCB,dennis.oden@mspb.g |

- 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

Reasonable accommodation coordinators (RACs) receive formal training upon commencing their collateral duties, and the EEO Director forwards continuing education material from cyberFEDS advisories and HotLaws guidance.

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

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.

MSPB takes following steps to identify job applications with disabilities, including targeted disabilities: 1) The EEO Director communicates via email and phone with Schedule A applicants with disabilities who express interest in MSPB, and 2) the EEO Director conducts quarterly scans of the OPM resume database of applicants eligible for Schedule A to identify potential attorney and paralegal specialist candidates for recruitment purposes.

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

MSPB uses all available and appropriate hiring authorities to recruit and hire PWD and PWTD, including Schedule A (on the basis of disability), Veteran's Recruitment Appointment Authority (VRA), and the 30% disabled veteran preference authority on public certificates (Delegated Examining Unit/DEU procedures).

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.

MSPB's primary occupation, to an overwhelming extent, is attorney advisor (general attorney), GS-0905. Applicants for this job series who are Schedule A (disability) eligible are encouraged to apply for vacancy announcements advertised on USAJobs and are then identified as being "Schedule A/Disability"-eligible on certificates referred. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) provides staffing services to MSPB, and accordingly APHIS staffing specialists review MSPB applications for qualifications, including their eligibility. As attorney advisor positions are excepted service, they cannot be converted to career competitive as required under the Schedule A authority related to disability. With respect to all other non-attorney positions, Schedule A (disability) applications are currently managed two ways. They, too, can apply through vacancy announcements posted on USA Jobs and identified on the certificates as being eligible for hire on the basis of disability. Or, they can send their resume/application package directly to the Special Program Placement Coordinator at APHIS, for review of qualifications and grade eligibility. It does not have to be linked to a job vacancy announcement. If a vacancy exists, and the applicant is found qualified

(confirmed by APHIS), the SPPC can forward the application on to a hiring manager for consideration.

- 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

Annual supervisory training .

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.

OEEEO will identify disability-related events in which MSPB is able to participate, contingent upon budget and Ethics review, and forward MSPB job opportunities and vacancy information to vocational rehabilitation facilities.

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 No
- b. New Hires for Permanent Workforce (PWTD) Answer No

Only 21 persons were newly hired at MSPB in FY20. With the hire of four persons with disabilities, including one hire of a person with a targeted disability, the rate of hire for PWD is 19.1% and the rate of hire for PWTD is 4.8%. MSPB’s disability hiring rates are significantly over the Federal goals.

| New Hires | Total (#) | Reportable Disability | | Targeted Disability | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Permanent Workforce (%) | Temporary Workforce (%) | Permanent Workforce (%) | Temporary Workforce (%) |
| % of Total Applicants | 0 | | | | |
| % of Qualified Applicants | 0 | | | | |
| % of New Hires | 0 | | | | |

- 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 No
- b. New Hires for MCO (PWTD) Answer No

| New Hires to Mission-Critical Occupations | Total (#) | Reportable Disability | | Targetable Disability | |
|---|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | | Qualified Applicants (%) | New Hires (%) | Qualified Applicants (%) | New Hires (%) |
| Numerical Goal | -- | 12% | | 2% | |

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 No
- b. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWTD) Answer No

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 No
- b. Promotions for MCO (PWTD) Answer No

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.

MSPB does not offer formal career development programs to its employees due to 1) the small size of the agency, and 2) the fact that three-quarters of the workforce is concentrated in grades 13 to SES. However, if/when any such programs are created, the agency will make every effort to include language that encourages employees with disabilities to apply for these opportunities.

B. CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES

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

MSPB does not offer formal career development programs to its employees due to 1) the small size of the agency, and 2) the fact that three-quarters of the workforce is concentrated in grades 13 to SES. However, if/when any such programs are created, the agency will make every effort to include language that encourages employees with disabilities to apply for these opportunities.

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

| Career Development Opportunities | Total Participants | | PWD | | PWTD | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Applicants (#) | Selectees (#) | Applicants (%) | Selectees (%) | Applicants (%) | Selectees (%) |
| Internship Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Detail Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fellowship Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Career Development Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mentoring Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coaching Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Training Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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 No

b. Selections (PWD) Answer No

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 No

b. Selections (PWTD) Answer No

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

| Time-Off Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Without Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % | Without Targeted Disability % |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 Hours: Total Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 Hours: Average Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 Hours: Total Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Time-Off Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Without Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % | Without Targeted Disability % |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 Hours: Average Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 Hours: Total Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 Hours: Average Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 Hours: Total Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 Hours: Average Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Total Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Average Hours | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Cash Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Without Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % | Without Targeted Disability % |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Total Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Average Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Total Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Average Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Total Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Average Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Total Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Average Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Total Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Average Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Total Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Cash Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Without Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % | Without Targeted Disability % |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Average Amount | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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

| Other Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Without Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % | Without Targeted Disability % |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Performance Based Pay Increases Awarded | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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”, 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 No

ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

b. Grade GS-15

i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No

ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

c. Grade GS-14

i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No

ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

d. Grade GS-13

i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No

ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

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 No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

b. Grade GS-15

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

c. Grade GS-14

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

d. Grade GS-13

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

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 No
- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWD) Answer No
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWD) Answer No
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWD) Answer No

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 No
- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWTD) Answer No
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWTD) Answer No
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWTD) Answer No

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 No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

b. Managers

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

c. Supervisors

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

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 No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

b. Managers

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

c. Supervisors

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

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 No
- b. New Hires for Managers (PWD) Answer No

c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWD) Answer No

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 No

b. New Hires for Managers (PWTD) Answer No

c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWTD) Answer No

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

There were no Schedule A (disability authority) employees eligible for conversion 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

| Seperations | Total # | Reportable Disabilities % | Without Reportable Disabilities % |
|---|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Permanent Workforce: Reduction in Force | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Removal | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Resignation | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Retirement | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Other Separations | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Total Separations | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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

| Seperations | Total # | Targeted Disabilities % | Without Targeted Disabilities % |
|---|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Permanent Workforce: Reduction in Force | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Removal | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Resignation | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Retirement | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Other Separations | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Permanent Workforce: Total Separations | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

- 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.

Not applicable.

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.

- 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.

<https://www.mspb.gov/contact/accessibility.htm>

- 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.

<https://www.mspb.gov/contact/accessibility.htm>

- 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.

In FY20, MSPB hired an Accessibility Program Manager, a GS-15 employee with specific responsibilities related to accessibility of agency facilities, programs, and technology.

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.

- 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.)

Nineteen days.

- 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.

The Board has a 100% approval rate for reasonable accommodation requests, as well as a 100% timeliness rate for processing.

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.

Not applicable. The new PAS policy and procedure has not been used, as the Board has seen zero requests for such services.

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.

There were no findings of discrimination in FY20.

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.

Not applicable.

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 N/A

- 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.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

- 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.

Not applicable.