

Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patricia K. Holahan,

Acting Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical, Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Science and Technology Laboratory Personnel Management Demonstration Project, Department of the Army: the Aviation Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AVRDEC).

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice to make a technical correction to the AVRDEC **Federal Register** notice, Part V, Volume 62, Number 124, published on June 27, 1997, specifically, the definition of competitive area.

SUMMARY: 5 U.S.C. 4703 authorizes the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to conduct demonstration projects that experiment with new and different personnel management concepts to determine whether such changes in personnel policy or procedures would result in improved Federal personnel management.

Public Law 103-337, October 5, 1994, permits the Department of Defense (DoD), with the approval of OPM, to carry out personnel demonstration projects at DoD Science and Technology (S&T) Reinvention Laboratories. This notice makes a technical correction to the AVRDEC Personnel Management Demonstration Project.

DATES: This demonstration project may be implemented at the U.S. Army Aviation Research Development, and Engineering Center beginning on March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: AVRDEC: Mr. David E. Knepper, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Attn: AMSAM-AR-ZS, Building 5681, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000, phone 256-313-4895. OPM: Ms. Joan Jorgenson, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street N.W., Room 7460, Washington, DC 20415, phone 202-606-1315.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

OPM has approved Science and Technology Laboratory Personnel Management Demonstration Projects and published the AVRDEC final plan in the **Federal Register** on Friday, June 27, 1997, Volume 62, Number 124, Part V. The AVRDEC demonstration project involved simplified job classification, paybanding, performance-based compensation systems, employee development provisions, and modified reduction-in-force procedures.

2. Overview

The Aviation Research, Development, and Engineering Center published its final project plan on June 27, 1997. The final plan incorporated changes made as a result of specific comments received from individuals during the public comment period. The comments were addressed in the final publication of the **Federal Register**. Any resulting changes to the plan were incorporated into that same document.

One commentator stated that the initial plan appeared to limit competitive areas to occupational families in all geographic areas. The commentator was concerned that the reduced number of employees in a particular occupational family would result in smaller competitive levels and lead to more separations from that occupational family if reduction-in-force (RIF) occurred in AVRDEC. Project managers agreed with the commentator and replied that a change would be made to Section III, Paragraph F: Revised Reduction-in-Force (RIF) Procedures, introductory paragraph, to clarify the meaning of the subsequent paragraph, Competitive Areas. This paragraph stated that positions included in the demonstration project at a specific geographic location will be considered a separate competitive area. Because of an oversight, however, the plan was published without making the correction.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

I. Executive Summary

The Department of the Army established the AVRDEC Personnel Management Demonstration Project to be generally similar to the system in use at the Navy Personnel Demonstration Project known as China Lake. The project was built upon the concepts of linking performance to pay for all covered positions, simplified paperwork in the processing of classification, revised its reduction-in-force

procedures and proposed other innovative interventions; emphasizing partnerships among management, employees, and unions, and delegating other authorities to line managers.

II. Introduction

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to make a technical correction to the definition of competitive area. The correction is hereby made to the **Federal Register**, Part V, Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory Personnel Demonstration Project at the Aviation Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AVRDEC); Notice, Volume 62, Number 124, Friday, June 27, 1997; page 34920, column one, under F. Revised Reduction-in-Force (RIF) Procedures, Introduction. Lines 1-12 are corrected to read:

Modifications include limiting competitive area, as defined below, and increasing the emphasis on performance in the RIF process. Retention criteria are in the following order: tenure, veterans' preference, service credit adjusted by a sum of the last three performance ratings. Current reduction-in-force regulations/procedures have been adjusted in the context of the occupational family and the payband classification system.

All other provisions of the approved AVRDEC Personnel Management Demonstration Project will apply. Employee notification will be made by delivery of copies of the amendment to union officials, to AVRDEC employees included in the project, and by posting on the Internet.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of March 8, 1999.

A closed meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10)

and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Unger, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., will be:

Institution of administration proceedings of an enforcement nature.
Institution of injunction actions.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: March 4, 1999.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W., Suite 5000, Washington, DC 20416. Phone Number: 202-205-6629.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Application for Designation as an Associate Development Company as a Certified Development Company"
Form No: 1849.

Description of Respondents: Certified Development Companies.

Annual Responses: 10.

Annual Burden: 200.

Title: "Associate Development Company Annual Report Guide."

Form No: 1850.

Description of Respondents: Associate Certified Development Companies.

Annual Responses: 100.

Annual Burden: 100.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to, Claudia Jordan, Program Assistant, Office of Financial Assistance, Small

Business Administration, 409 3rd Street S.W., Suite 8300, Washington, DC 20416. Phone No: 202-205-6491.

Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

Jacqueline K. White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

New Markets Lending Company Pilot Loan Program; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: To accommodate scheduling conflicts in the lending community and with trade associations, the SBA is rescheduling a Public Meeting on SBA's proposed New Markets Lending Company (NMLC) program originally scheduled for March 11, 1999. (This hearing was reported in a **Federal Register** Notice published March 1, 1999.) The NMLC Public Hearing is rescheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., March 15, 1999, at SBA's Washington District Office Conference Room, 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

SUMMARY: The SBA recognizes that many segments of the small business community continue to have difficulty accessing capital in the commercial loan markets. To assist these New Markets small businesses, the Agency plans to develop and test several innovative new programs and initiatives designed to more efficiently and effectively deliver SBA financing to these markets. The proposed NMLC program is one of these initiatives. SBA envisions the program as a limited term, limited participation SBA pilot program under which the Agency will select approximately ten unique, non-depository lending institutions to make SBA guaranteed loans targeted to New Markets small businesses. This pilot will be part of the Agency's 7(a) loan program, which provided guaranties on loans to approximately 42,000 small businesses for about \$9 billion in FY 1998.

SBA expects to define New Markets under the program as current and prospective small businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities, who are underrepresented in the population of business owners compared to their representation in the overall population,

as well as businesses located or locating in Low and Moderate Income urban and rural areas.

SBA is continuing to develop criteria for participation in the program, but participants are expected to be selected competitively using criteria that may include, among others, the following:

Management Capability

The applicant entity or its management team must demonstrate appropriate experience in managing a loan underwriting, loan making, loan collection, and loan liquidation operation;

Adequate Capitalization

A minimum capitalization, including leverage limitations to reflect both balance sheet and off balance sheet assets, will be required. (A variety of financing structures will be considered, but a minimum equity injection of \$3-\$5 million is being considered);

Commitment to Borrower's Development

Applicant must demonstrate a continuing commitment to the development of the borrower's management capabilities; and

Public Purpose

Participants must aggressively and continuously target a range of SBA defined New Markets communities.

The Agency's monitoring and oversight of NMLCs will include annual safety and soundness examinations, periodic reviews of lender effectiveness in reaching targeted markets, and compliance reviews required of other SBA lenders. SBA will develop program guidelines and procedures shortly and expects to implement the program by October 1, 1999.

Hearing: SBA will hold a public hearing to obtain comments and suggestions from the public to assist in developing the NMLC concept. Interested parties will be given a reasonable time for an oral presentation and may submit written statements of their oral presentation in advance. If you wish to make a presentation, please contact Ms. Lula M. Gardner at (202) 205-6485 at least five days before the hearing. If a large number of participants desire to make statements, a time limitation on each presentation will be imposed.

Members of the hearing panel may ask questions of the speaker, but speakers will not be allowed to question each other. Please submit written questions in advance to the Chair. If the Chair determines them to be relevant, the