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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-A104

Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Orlando, FL, Appropriated Fund Wage Area

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to abolish the Orlando, Florida, appropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area. This change is being made because of the closure of the Orlando wage area's host installation, the Orlando Naval Training Station. This closure left the lead agency for the Orlando wage area, the Department of Defense, without an installation in the wage area capable of hosting annual local wage surveys.

DATES: This final regulation is effective on May 13, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 3, 1997, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published an interim rule (62 FR 51759) to remove the requirement that a full-scale wage survey be conducted in the Orlando, Florida, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. The Orlando wage area consisted of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties in Florida. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC), the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended by consensus that we

abolish the Orlando wage area. A full-scale wage survey was scheduled to begin in the wage area in September 1997. However, at that time, the Orlando wage area's host installation, the Orlando Naval Training Station, was preparing to close. The Department of Defense (DOD), the lead agency for the Orlando wage area, was left without an installation in the wage area capable of hosting annual local wage surveys. Without a host installation, DOD was unable to conduct the scheduled 1997 full-scale wage survey.

The interim rule provided a 30-day public comment period, during which OPM did not receive any comments. Based on FPRAC's previous consensus recommendation, the interim rule is being adopted as a final rule with no changes.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

Accordingly, under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 5343, the interim rule (62 FR 51759) amending 5 CFR part 532 published on October 3, 1997, is being adopted as final with no changes.

Office of Personnel Management.

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Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-A113

Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Orlando, FL, Appropriated Fund Wage Area

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to

redefine Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, Florida, from the Orlando, FL, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area to the Jacksonville, FL, FWS wage area. This change is being made because the closure of the Orlando wage area's host installation, the Orlando Naval Training Station, left the Department of Defense without an installation in the Orlando wage area capable of hosting local wage surveys.

DATES: This final rule is effective on May 13, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 9, 1998, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published an interim rule (63 FR 6471) to redefine the Orlando, Florida, Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC), the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended by consensus that we redefine Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL, from the Orlando wage area to the Jacksonville, FL, FWS wage area. In September 1997, a full-scale wage survey was scheduled to begin in the Orlando wage area; however, the Orlando wage area's host installation, the Orlando Naval Training Station, was preparing to close. The lead agency for the Orlando wage area, the Department of Defense (DOD), was left without an activity in the wage area capable of hosting local wage surveys. Because DOD was unable to conduct the survey, OPM abolished the Orlando wage area (62 FR 51759) and removed the requirement that a local wage survey be conducted in the Orlando wage area.

Employees being paid rates from the Orlando wage schedule were converted to the Jacksonville wage schedule on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after March 11, 1998. OPM did not receive any comments on the interim rule during its 30-day public comment period. Based on the previous consensus recommendation of FPRAC, the interim rule is being adopted as a final rule without any changes.