

ceptance of a cash award under this subchapter constitutes an agreement that the use by the Government of an idea, method, or device for which the award is made does not form the basis of a further claim of any nature against the Government by the employee, his heirs, or assigns.

(d) A cash award to, and expense for the honorary recognition of, an employee may be paid from the fund or appropriation available to the activity primarily benefiting or the various activities benefiting. The head of the agency concerned determines the amount to be paid by each activity for an agency award under section 4503 of this title. The President determines the amount to be paid by each activity for a Presidential award under section 4504 of this title.

(e) The Office of Personnel Management may by regulation permit agencies to grant employees time off from duty, without loss of pay or charge to leave, as an award in recognition of superior accomplishment or other personal effort that contributes to the quality, efficiency, or economy of Government operations.

(f) The Secretary of Defense may grant a cash award under subsection (b) of this section without regard to the requirements for certification and approval provided in that subsection.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 442; Pub. L. 95-454, title V, §503(b), (c), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1183; Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, §1703(b)(2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 756; Pub. L. 101-509, title V, §529 [title II, §201], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1455; Pub. L. 103-89, §3(b)(1)(D), Sept. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 981; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XI, §1132], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-318.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2123(d), (e), (g).	Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1208, §304(d), (e), (g), 68 Stat. 1113.

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “cash award” are substituted for “monetary award” and “such award” to conform to the remainder of the chapter.

In subsection (c), the word “Government” is substituted for “Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia” in view of the definition of “Government” in section 4501.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-398 added subsec. (f).  
 1993—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-89 struck out par. (2) designation and struck out par. (1) which read as follows: “Notwithstanding section 4501(2), for the purpose of this subsection, ‘employee’ includes an employee covered by the performance management and recognition system established under chapter 54.”  
 1990—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101-509 added subsec. (e).  
 1981—Subsecs. (a), (c). Pub. L. 97-35 substituted “subchapter” for “chapter”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-454, §503(b), substituted “\$10,000” for “\$5,000”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-454, §503(c), substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”, “\$10,000” for “\$5,000”, and “Office” for “Commission”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-89 effective Nov. 1, 1993, see section 3(c) of Pub. L. 103-89, set out as a note under section 3372 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-509 effective on such date as the President shall determine, but not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 180 days, after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 529 [title III, §305] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out as a note under section 5301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Oct. 1, 1981, see section 1703(c) of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 4501 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-454, title V, §504(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1184, provided that amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 was effective on first day of first applicable pay period which began on or after Oct. 1, 1981, except it could take effect with respect to any category or categories of positions before such day to extent prescribed by Director of Office of Personnel Management.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under former section 2123(e) [now subsec. (d)] of this section delegated to Director of Office of Personnel Management, see section 2 of Ex. Ord. No. 11228, June 14, 1965, 30 F.R. 7739, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

§ 4503. Agency awards

The head of an agency may pay a cash award to, and incur necessary expense for the honorary recognition of, an employee who—

(1) by his suggestion, invention, superior accomplishment, or other personal effort contributes to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement of Government operations or achieves a significant reduction in paperwork; or

(2) performs a special act or service in the public interest in connection with or related to his official employment.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 443; Pub. L. 95-454, title V, §502(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1183.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2123(a).	Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1208, §304(a), 68 Stat. 1113.

The word “employee” is substituted for “civilian officers and employees of the Government” in view of the definition of “employee” in section 4501.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Par. (1). Pub. L. 95-454 inserted “or achieves a significant reduction in paperwork”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-454, title V, §504(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1184, provided that amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 was effective on first day of first applicable pay period which began on or after Oct. 1, 1981, except it could take effect with respect to any category or categories of positions before such day to extent prescribed by Director of Office of Personnel Management.

**§ 4504. Presidential awards**

The President may pay a cash award to, and incur necessary expense for the honorary recognition of, an employee who—

- (1) by his suggestion, invention, superior accomplishment, or other personal effort contributes to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement of Government operations or achieves a significant reduction in paperwork; or
- (2) performs an exceptionally meritorious special act or service in the public interest in connection with or related to his official employment.

A Presidential award may be in addition to an agency award under section 4503 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 443; Pub. L. 95-454, title V, § 502(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1183.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2123(b).	Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1208, § 304(b), 68 Stat. 1113.

The words “In instances determined by the President to warrant such action” are omitted as surplusage. The word “employee” is substituted for “civilian officers and employees of the Government” in view of the definition of “employee” in section 4501.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Par. (1). Pub. L. 95-454 inserted “or achieves a significant reduction in paperwork”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-454, title V, § 504(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1184, provided that amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 was effective on first day of first applicable pay period which began on or after Oct. 1, 1981, except it could take effect with respect to any category or categories of positions before such day to extent prescribed by Director of Office of Personnel Management.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions vested in Director of Office of Personnel Management under this section insofar as it affects officers and employees in or under executive branch of Government to be performed without approval of President, see section 2 of Ex. Ord. No. 11228, June 14, 1965, 30 F.R. 7739, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

EX. ORD. NO. 9586. THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Ex. Ord. No. 9586, July 6, 1945, 10 F.R. 8523, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10336, Apr. 3, 1952, 17 F.R. 2957; Ex. Ord. No. 11085, Feb. 22, 1963, 28 F.R. 1759; Ex. Ord. No. 11515, Mar. 13, 1970, 35 F.R. 4543, provided:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. *Medal established.* The Medal of Freedom is hereby reestablished as the Presidential Medal of Freedom, with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances. The Presidential Medal of Freedom, hereinafter referred to as the Medal, shall be in two degrees.

SEC. 2. *Award of the Medal.* (a) The Medal may be awarded by the President as provided in this order to

any person who has made an especially meritorious contribution to (1) the security or national interests of the United States, or (2) world peace, or (3) cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

(b) The President may select for the award of the Medal any person recommended to the President for award of the Medal or any person selected by the President upon his own initiative.

(c) The principal announcement of awards of the Medal shall normally be made annually, on or about July 4 of each year; but such awards may be made at other times, as the President may deem appropriate.

(d) Subject to the provision of this Order, the Medal may be awarded posthumously.

SEC. 3. *Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board.* (a) The Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board, established by Executive Order No. 10717 of June 27, 1957, hereinafter referred to as the Board, is hereby expanded, for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of this Order, to include five additional members appointed by the President from outside the Executive Branch of the Government. The terms of service of the members of the Board appointed under this paragraph shall be five years, except that the first five members so appointed shall have terms of service expiring on the 31st day of July 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968, respectively. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall serve for the remainder of such term.

(b) A chairman of the Board shall be designated by the President from time to time from among the membership of the Board appointed from the Executive Branch.

(c) For purposes of recommending to the President persons to receive the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, and to carry out the other purposes of Executive Order No. 10717, only the members of the Board from the Executive Branch will sit. The names of persons so recommended will be submitted to the President without reference to the other members of the Board.

SEC. 4. *Functions of the Board.* (a) Any individual or group may make recommendations to the Board with respect to the award of the Medal, and the Board shall consider such recommendations.

(b) With due regard for the provisions of Section 2 of this Order, the Board shall screen such recommendations and, on the basis of such recommendations or upon its own motion, shall from time to time submit to the President nominations of individuals for award of the Medal, in appropriate degrees.

SEC. 5. *Expenses.* Necessary administrative expenses of the Board incurred in connection with the recommendation of persons to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, including expenses of travel of members of the Board appointed under Section 3(a) of this Order, during the fiscal year 1963, may be paid from the appropriation provided under the heading “Special Projects” in the Executive Office Appropriation Act, 1963, 76 Stat. 315, and during subsequent fiscal years, to the extent permitted by law, from any corresponding or like appropriation made available for such fiscal years. Such payments shall be without regard to the provisions of section 3681 of the Revised Statutes and section 9 of the Act of March 4, 1909, 35 Stat. 1027 (31 U.S.C. 672 and 673) [31 U.S.C. 1346(a) and (c)]. Members of the Board appointed under Section 3(a) of this Order shall serve without compensation.

SEC. 6. *Design of the Medal.* The Army Institute of Heraldry shall prepare for the approval of the President a design of the Medal in each of its degrees.

EX. ORD. NO. 10717. PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE

Ex. Ord. No. 10717, June 27, 1957, 22 F.R. 4632, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10979, Dec. 12, 1961, 26 F.R. 11937; Ex. Ord. No. 11085, Feb. 22, 1963, 28 F.R. 1759; Ex. Ord. No. 12014, Oct. 19, 1977, 42 F.R. 56105; Ex. Ord. No. 12107, Dec. 28, 1978, 44 F.R. 1055, provided: