

## 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.

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| a. Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 (PWD) | Answer Yes |
| b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWD)  | Answer Yes |

There are 2 EAC employees who have self-identified as a PWD in the GS-1 to GS-10 equivalent positions and 3 who have self-identified as a PWD in the GS-11 to SES equivalent positions.. During a technical assistance visit in 2016, EEOC expressed concern that EAC's EEO program did not have numerical hiring goals for persons with disabilities (PWD). As an excepted service agency, exempt from Title 5 for hiring and classifying, EAC has the ability to hire without utilizing a competitive process. This may be a trigger involving hiring PWD and PWTD. Targeted recruitment efforts have been utilized for women and minorities but not for those with disabilities. Developing strategies to carry out a recruitment focused on adding qualified people with disabilities to the applicant pool will be discussed in FY21. Additionally, the EAC will need to review policies, procedures, and practices that are negatively impacting the recruitment and selection of PWD.

\*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.

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| a. Cluster GS-1 to GS-10 (PWTD) | Answer Yes |
| b. Cluster GS-11 to SES (PWTD)  | Answer No  |

EAC exceeds the goal of 2% with a 2.6% representation of PWTD in the GS-11 to SES representation. There is 1 PWTD at this equivalent grade level cluster but no EAC employees at the GS-1 to GS-10 equivalent grade level cluster has self-identified as a PWTD . Targeted recruitment strategies during FY21 will assist in efforts to increase the number of PWTD in both grade level clusters.

Grade Level Cluster(GS or Alternate Pay Plan)	Total	Reportable Disability		Targeted Disability	
	#	#	%	#	%
Numarical Goal	--	12%		2%	
Grades GS-1 to GS-10	8	1	12.50	0	0.00
Grades GS-11 to SES	23	1	4.35	1	4.35

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

The EAC offices and staff intend to meet targeted goals utilizing resources. The Office of Human Resources will explore training for

## 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 No

The agency’s Director of Human Resources carries out all recruitment efforts and will have to make a concerted effort to increase the number and percentage of employees hired with severe/targeted disabilities and fully accommodate them to ensure that they have opportunities for career development and promotions. Because of the previous and current budget constraints, additional staff will not be added to assist with this program.

2. 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	
Processing applications from PWD and PWT	1	0	0	Corliss Jackson, Dir. Human Resources cjackson@eac.gov
Answering questions from the public about hiring authorities that take disability into account	1	0	0	Corliss Jackson, Dir. Human Resources cjackson@eac.gov
Processing reasonable accommodation requests from applicants and employees	1	0	0	Corliss Jackson, Dir. Human Resources cjackson@eac.gov
Section 508 Compliance	1	0	0	Simona Jones, Webmaster & Social Media sjones@eac.gov
Architectural Barriers Act Compliance	0	0	0	EAC offices are located in a federal building managed by GSA. Therefore, this responsibility is that of GSA and building management
Special Emphasis Program for PWD and PWT	0	0	0	EAC does not have a SEP for PWD and PWT. The Director of HR may want to reach out to a larger <a href="https://www.diversity.va.gov/programs/pwd.aspx">https://www.diversity.va.gov/programs/pwd.aspx</a>

- 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 No

EAC does not have a formal disability program.

**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 No

There is currently no funding dedicated to a disability program and as a result, EAC does not have a formal program in place.

**Section III: Program Deficiencies In The Disability Program**

<b>Brief Description of Program Deficiency</b>	C.4.e.1. Implement the Affirmative Action Plan for Individuals with Disabilities? [see 29 CFR §1614.203(d); MD-715, II(C)]
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<b>Brief Description of Program Deficiency</b>	D.4.b. Does the agency take specific steps to ensure qualified people with disabilities are aware of and encouraged to apply for job vacancies? [see 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(1)(i)]
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<b>Brief Description of Program Deficiency</b>	D.4.d. Has the agency taken specific steps that are reasonably designed to increase the number of persons with disabilities or targeted disabilities employed at the agency until it meets the goals? [see 29 CFR §1614.203(d)(7)(ii)]
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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 PWTDD

**A. PLAN TO IDENTIFY JOB APPLICATIONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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

EAC does not utilize an applicant flow system for recruitment activities, therefore, the agency cannot identify applicants with disabilities unless the applicant provides the information in their application materials.

- 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 PWTDD for positions in the permanent workforce

EAC has not used the Schedule A hiring authority and continues to explore this option.

- 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.

EAC has not hired anyone under the Schedule A hiring authority

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 N/A

**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 Director of Human Resources will move forward in FY21 to identify organizations that can be notified of EAC job announcements. EAC can also partner with larger federal agencies when they have PWD and PWTD outreach activities. The Veterans Administration, a leader in recruiting PWD and PWTD, has many resources on its website, <https://www.diversity.va.gov/programs/pwd.aspx>

**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

EAC does not have an applicant flow system, therefore, cannot verify if triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the new hires in the permanent workforce. However, a review of policies, practices and procedures should be reviewed to verify perceived triggers and develop a plan of action to eliminate them.

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 N/A
  - b. New Hires for MCO (PWTD) Answer N/A

EAC does not have an applicant flow system, therefore, cannot verify if triggers exist for PWD and/or PWTD among the new hires in the mission-critical occupations. However, a review of policies, practices and procedures should be reviewed to verify perceived triggers and develop a plan of action to eliminate them.

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 N/A
  - b. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWTD) Answer N/A

During this reporting period, EAC did not have any internal applicants apply for any of the mission-critical occupations (MCO).

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 N/A
  - b. Promotions for MCO (PWTD) Answer N/A

During this reporting period, EAC did not have any internal applicants promoted to a mission-critical occupations (MCO).

## 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.

The advancement of PWD, to include PWTD, is embedded within EAC’s hiring, onboard, and retention goals and strategies, in accordance with Executive Order 13548, Increasing Federal Employment of Individuals with Disabilities, and other relevant regulations. Any EAC vacancy can be filled with a PWD or PWTD using either a competitive or non-competitive hiring authority. EAC has attempted to ensure there are developmental opportunities and mentorship or coaching available for all EAC employees, including an employee with a targeted disability, to improve their skills and increase their opportunities for upward mobility.

### B. CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES

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

Utilizing a Individual Development Plan (IDP), managers and employees discuss, analyze and map out career development opportunities for each EAC employee.

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 (%)
Mentoring Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detail Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internship Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fellowship Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coaching Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Career Development 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 N/A
- b. Selections (PWD) Answer N/A

EAC does not have career development programs.

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

EAC does not have career development programs.

**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

EAC cannot identify any triggers. During the reporting period, EAC suspended its Awards Program as the performance management system is being revised and automated.

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 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	Total (#)	Reportable Disability %	Without Reportable Disability %	Targeted Disability %	Without Targeted Disability %
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: \$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

EAC did not utilize quality step increases or performance-based pay increases during the reporting period. All employees received the 2.6% pay increase in January 2020.

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 N/A
- b. Other Types of Recognition (PWTD) Answer N/A

EAC has suspended its employee recognition program until it has been revised.

**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 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

The Executive Director and General Counsel positions are SES equivalent, however, these vacancies are filled, pursuant to public law, by EAC Commissioners. EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information.

2. Does your agency have a trigger involving PWTB 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 (PWTB) Answer N/A
  - ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer N/A
- b. Grade GS-15
  - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTB) Answer N/A
  - ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer N/A
- c. Grade GS-14
  - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTB) Answer N/A
  - ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer N/A
- d. Grade GS-13
  - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTB) Answer N/A
  - ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer N/A

The Executive Director and General Counsel positions are SES equivalent, however, these vacancies are filled, pursuant to public law, by EAC Commissioners. EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information.

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 N/A
- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWD) Answer N/A
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWD) Answer N/A
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWD) Answer N/A

The Executive Director and General Counsel positions are SES equivalent, however, these vacancies are filled, pursuant to public law, by EAC Commissioners. EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information.

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.
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|------------------------------|--------|-----|
| a. New Hires to SES (PWTD)   | Answer | N/A |
| b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWTD) | Answer | N/A |
| c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWTD) | Answer | N/A |
| d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWTD) | Answer | N/A |

The Executive Director and General Counsel positions are SES equivalent, however, these vacancies are filled, pursuant to public law, by EAC Commissioners. EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information.

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.
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|--|--------|-----|
| a. Executives                          |        |     |
| i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) | Answer | N/A |
| ii. Internal Selections (PWD)          | Answer | N/A |
| b. Managers                            |        |     |
| i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) | Answer | N/A |
| ii. Internal Selections (PWD)          | Answer | N/A |
| c. Supervisors                         |        |     |
| i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) | Answer | N/A |
| ii. Internal Selections (PWD)          | Answer | N/A |

EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information.

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.
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|---|--------|-----|
| a. Executives                           |        |     |
| i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) | Answer | N/A |
| ii. Internal Selections (PWTD)          | Answer | N/A |
| b. Managers                             |        |     |

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

EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information. .

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 N/A
  - b. New Hires for Managers (PWD) Answer N/A
  - c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWD) Answer N/A

EAC will have to implement a tracking procedure to capture this information.

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 N/A
  - b. New Hires for Managers (PWTD) Answer N/A
  - c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWTD) Answer N/A

EAC cannot verify since it does not track the required data.

## 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

EAC does not have any employees who were hired under the Schedule A authority.

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

During the reporting period, EAC did not have any employees voluntarily or involuntarily separate who self-identified as PWD.

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	5	0.00	14.29
Permanent Workforce: Retirement	0	0.00	0.00
Permanent Workforce: Other Separations	0	0.00	0.00
Permanent Workforce: Total Separations	5	0.00	14.29

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

During the reporting period, EAC did not have any employees voluntarily or involuntarily separate who self-identified as PWTD.

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	5	0.00	13.89
Permanent Workforce: Retirement	0	0.00	0.00
Permanent Workforce: Other Separations	0	0.00	0.00
Permanent Workforce: Total Separations	5	0.00	13.89

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.

EAC did not have any employees how separated during the reporting period identify as PWD or PWTD.

**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.

<https://www.eac.gov/privacy-statement/>

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.

EAC’s website does not address ABA during the reporting period, however, this has been corrected.

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.

EAC is a tenant in a federally-owned building that is managed by GSA. Any improvements to the building’s accessibility would not be determined by EAC.

**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.)

During the report period, EAC did not have any requests for reasonable accommodations.

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.

During the report period, EAC did not have any requests for 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 report period, EAC did not have any requests for personal assistance 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 N/A

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 N/A

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.

EAC did not have any findings of discrimination alleging harassment based on disability status during the last fiscal year.

**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 N/A

- 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 N/A

- 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.

EAC did not have any findings of discrimination involving the failure to provide a reasonable accommodation during the last fiscal year.

**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.

The EAC will need to conduct a barrier analysis involving PWD and/or PWTD in order to verify perceived triggers and develop activities to address confirmed triggers.

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

No activities were completed during the reporting period.

- 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.

During the reporting period, the plan to explore using Schedule A to fill positions continues.