

objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

9. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the DoD Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC) will take place.

DATES: Open to the public, Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held by videoconference. Participant access information will be provided after registering. (Pre-meeting registration is required. See guidance in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, “Meeting Accessibility”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense, the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its May 30, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement. This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C.

552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 102–3.140, and section 102–3.155.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: Additional information, including the agenda or any updates to the agenda, is available at the DoD MFRC website: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/mfrc>.

Materials presented in the meeting may also be obtained on the DoD MFRC website.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the DoD MFRC to receive briefings and have discussions on topics related to Military Family Readiness Programs and Activities.

Agenda: Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Briefings on Changes to Healthcare Policy and Implication for Military Families.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 30, 2024. The meeting will be held by videoconference. The number of participants is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to participate must register by contacting DoD MFRC at (osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil) or by contacting Mr. Vesen Thompson at (703) 571–2360 (voice), no later than Monday, May 27, 2024. Once registered, the web address and/or audio number will be provided.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. Vesen Thompson no later than Monday, May 27, 2024, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit a written statement to the DoD MFRC; however, email submissions are preferred. Persons interested in providing a written statement for review and consideration by DoD MFRC members attending the May 30, 2024, meeting, are encouraged to do so at osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil. Written statements received after this date will be provided to DoD MFRC members in preparation for the next MFRC meeting. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will review all timely submissions and ensure submitted written statements are provided to DoD MFRC members prior to the meeting that is subject to this notice. The DFO will review all timely

submissions with the DoD MFRC Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the DoD MFRC.

Those who make submissions are requested to avoid including personally identifiable information such as names of adults and children, phone numbers, addresses, Social Security Numbers and other contact information within the body of the written statement.

Dated: May 13, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2024–OS–0020]

Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory Personnel Demonstration Project Program

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: This notice provides new authorities to all Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) Personnel Demonstration (Demo) Projects.

SUMMARY: STRLs may implement innovative approaches to attract and retain exceptional talent who are participating in Demo projects. The flexibilities described herein allow the STRLs to better manage their workforce by authorizing: flexible extended temporary promotion and temporary reassignment for supervisory and team leader positions; a recruitment incentive in the form of time-off awards (time off from duty without loss of pay or charge to leave); retention counter-offers for high performing employees in scientific, technical, or administrative positions; and certain awards management authorities for STRL directors. The flexibilities and procedures described herein are in addition to and do not supersede or cancel flexibilities described in previously published STRL **Federal Register** Notices (FRNs).

DATES: Implementation of this **Federal Register** notice will begin no earlier than May 21, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Through the USD(R&E), the Secretary exercises the authorities granted to the Office of Personnel Management under 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4703 to conduct personnel demonstration projects at DoD laboratories designated as STRLs. All STRLs authorized pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4121 may use the provisions described in this FRN for employees participating in the Demo project. STRLs implementing these flexibilities must have an approved personnel demonstration project plan published in an FRN and must fulfill any collective bargaining obligations. Each STRL will establish internal operating procedures (IOPs) as appropriate.

The 22 current STRLs are:

- Air Force Research Laboratory
- Joint Warfare Analysis Center
- Army Futures Command
- Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Ground Vehicle Systems Center

- Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center
- Engineer Research and Development Center
- Medical Research and Development Command
- Technical Center, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command
- Naval Air Systems Command Warfare Centers
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center
- Naval Information Warfare Centers, Atlantic and Pacific
- Naval Medical Research Center
- Naval Research Laboratory
- Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers
- Office of Naval Research
- Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity

2. Summary of Comments

On March 15, 2024, the DoD published a notice (89 FR 18914-18921) concerning four new flexibilities, for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period ended on April 15, 2024. One commenter commented on the flexibility to allow time-off awards as a recruitment incentive. Specifically, the commenter suggested that time-off awards be used as a retention incentive as well, allowing the STRL Director to use time-off in lieu of a bonus as part of the assessment system.

In response, the Department notes that some STRLs currently allow for time-off as part of their assessment process and other STRLs could adopt that process if interested.

3. Overview

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

This FRN provides new personnel management flexibilities designed to enable the STRL Directors to be more agile and competitive in attracting, hiring, and retaining world-class candidates in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics career fields and in career fields that directly support the STRL mission. Specifically, this notice provides a new approach to assigning employees to supervisory and team leader positions within the STRL Demo project by authorizing a time-limited, renewable temporary promotion and a renewable temporary reassignment authority; time-off awards as a recruitment incentive for employees to accept positions in the Demo project; retention counter-offers for high performing employees in scientific, technical, or administrative positions

within the STRL Demo project; and awards management authority for STRL Directors.

The authority to offer time-limited supervisory and team leader positions to employees participating in the Demo project will enable STRL Directors to better manage their workforce by (1) taking individual career preferences into consideration; (2) increasing efforts in succession planning; (3) allowing for periodic assessments of the supervisory talent pool; (4) allowing for better utilization of supervisory and leadership skills and experience; (5) enhancing organizational planning; and (6) synchronizing timelines for supervisory and leadership continuity. Additionally, it provides greater flexibilities to employees by increasing flexibility in individual development and providing more pathways to developmental assignments to broaden and deepen their experiential base.

The authority to provide time-off awards as a recruitment incentive to employees participating in the Demo project enables the STRLs to better compete with industry where time-off is often part of recruitment packages. Such an incentive may be especially attractive to candidates from outside of Government who value time off and typically would not accumulate a significant balance of paid leave for some time.

The authority to provide retention counteroffers to high performing employees participating in the Demo project in any career field, who have critical skills, and present evidence of alternative employment opportunities with higher compensation, will enable the STRLs to continue to meet mission requirements by retaining key employees.

The authority for STRL Directors to manage award funding for employees participating in the Demo project, consistent with the STRL's budget, will enable STRLs to fully utilize their contribution- or performance-based pay systems by providing timely award funding for pay pools which are often administered on different cycles than those applicable to employees who are not participating in a Demo project.

B. Required Waivers to Law and Regulation

Waivers and adaptations of certain title 5, U.S.C. and title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provisions are required only to the extent that these statutory and regulatory provisions limit or are inconsistent with the actions authorized under an approved STRL Demonstration project. Appendix A lists waivers needed to enact authorities

described in this FRN. Nothing in this plan is intended to preclude STRLs from adopting or incorporating any law or regulation enacted, adopted, or amended after the effective date of this FRN.

C. Problems With Present System

Despite the authorities already available to STRLs, some laboratories still have difficulty recruiting and retaining supervisors or team leaders within the organization. STRLs need the ability to shape the mix of skills and expertise to position the most qualified personnel in a given position to meet new research and development missions. The problem with the traditional system is that it does not support flexibility in organizational and succession planning. Time-limited supervisory and team leader positions will enable management to periodically evaluate these positions, taking into consideration mission needs, as well as employee career development, and organizational succession planning. It will also offer experiential opportunities for employees interested in becoming supervisors and team leaders. This dynamic will support individual development, organizational planning, synchronizing timelines for supervisory/leadership continuity, and calibrating career expectations vs. mission needs. Similar to the Flexible Extended Temporary Promotion Authority for ST and Senior Scientific Technical Manager positions documented in the Air Force Research Laboratory FRN, 82 FR 38896, STRLs need the flexibility to offer temporary promotions and temporary reassignments not to exceed five years, with the ability to extend in no longer than five-year increments, for all supervisory and team leader positions.

STRLs need numerous flexible tools to use in their battle for talent. Current recruitment incentives involve monetary payments only and offer no means to provide additional paid time off from duty as a recruitment incentive. Providing a time-off award, instead of or in addition to other incentives, will enable STRLs to better compete for critical talent.

Retaining critical talent is also a priority for STRLs. The retention incentive available under 5 CFR part 575 subpart C is limited to 25 percent of an employee's basic pay and requires documented analysis of employment trends and labor market factors; quality and availability of potential sources of employees; the success of recent efforts to recruit candidates; retention of similar employees; and other factors. This monetary limit and time-

consuming process prevents STRLs from effectively countering recruitment offers from the private sector. Similar to the retention counteroffer for employees with critical scientific or technical skills documented in the Technical Center of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command FRN, 84 FR 49255, this retention counteroffer for all STRL employees participating in the Demo project, regardless of career field, will allow the STRLs to retain critical talent by quickly approving an increase to basic pay and/or an incentive up to 50 percent of an employee's basic pay in circumstances where employees with critical skills receive an offer of employment with higher compensation.

Finally, the timing of DoD awards guidance is generally consistent with the Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program which uses an assessment cycle that ends in the March/April timeframe. Because STRL performance and contribution-based systems often use different assessment cycles and issue special act and notable achievement awards during the first quarter of the fiscal year, independent authority to issue awards will promote greater efficiency in the administration of STRL Demo projects.

D. Participating Organizations and Employees

All DoD laboratories designated as STRLs pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4121(b), as well as any additional laboratories designated as STRLs by the Secretary of Defense, through the USD(R&E), with approved personnel demonstration project plans published in FRNs may use the provisions described in this FRN. Absent another statutory authority to provide these flexibilities, the provisions do not apply to employees who are not candidates for or incumbents of positions participating in the demo projects authorized by 10 U.S.C. 4121, to include prevailing rate employees (as defined by 5 U.S.C. 5342(a)(2)) and senior executives (as defined by section 3132(a)(3) of such title). STRLs implementing these flexibilities must first fulfill any collective bargaining obligations.

II. Personnel System Changes

A. Description and Implementation

1. Flexible Temporary Assignments

An STRL Director may approve flexible temporary promotions or reassignments to supervisory and team leader positions for not more than five years, with the ability to extend without limit in no more than five-year increments for candidates who are current Federal employees participating

in the demo project. The candidates must meet the Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standard for the position. The initial flexible temporary promotion must be made using competitive procedures. Prior to extending a temporary promotion or reassignment or making the action permanent, management will decide based on mission needs, employee career development, and organizational succession planning on whether the employee should continue in the position on a temporary or permanent basis. If not extended on a temporary basis or made permanent, the employee will return to the position held prior to the temporary assignment or to a position within the STRL comparable in duties and pay band to the position held before the assignment. Upon termination of the temporary promotion or reassignment, pay will be set in accordance with the STRL's applicable pay setting rules and internal operating procedures. To be converted to a permanent supervisory or team leader position, the employee must: (1) have been notified in writing at the time of the initial action of the possibility of the temporary assignment being made permanent at a later date; (2) served a minimum of one year of continuous service in the temporary position; and (3) have at least a successful or equivalent performance rating in any applicable supervisory/leadership performance element. STRLs will document their plans and processes in IOPs.

2. Authority To Provide Time-off as a Recruitment Incentive

An STRL Director may provide a newly hired or newly converted participant in the demo project up to 80 hours of time-off from duty, without

loss of pay or charge to leave, as a recruitment incentive, to be used within one year. This recruitment incentive will be processed in the same manner as a time-off award available under the authority in 5 U.S.C. chapter 45, but it is not provided pursuant to that authority and is not subject to otherwise applicable limits on the use of that authority. The time-off provided as a recruitment incentive may not be converted to cash payment and is forfeited if not used within 12 months after it is posted to the employee's leave account. STRLs may require a service agreement when offering this recruitment incentive. STRLs will document in IOPs the criteria for determining the amount of paid time off that may be provided as a recruitment incentive.

3. Retention Counteroffers

STRL Directors may offer a retention counteroffer to high performing employees participating in the demo project, with critical scientific, technical, or administrative skills, in any career field, who present credible evidence of an alternative employment opportunity with higher compensation. Such employees may be provided increased basic pay (up to the top of the pay band/cap within a pay band) and/or a one-time cash payment that does not exceed 50 percent of one year of base pay. Retention counteroffers, either in the form of a base pay increase and/or a lump sum payment, count toward the Executive Level I aggregate limitation on pay consistent with 5 U.S.C. 5307 and 5 CFR part 530, subpart B. STRLs may require a service agreement when offering this retention counteroffer. Further details will be published in STRL IOPs.

4. STRL Award Management Authority

STRL compensation strategies develop and foster a culture of recognition. Strategic use of awards and recognition throughout the year adds value to the STRLs and supports retention of high performing/ contributing employees. STRL Directors manage the workforce strength, structure, positions, and compensation without regard to any limitation on appointments, positions, or funding in a manner consistent with the budget available. STRL Directors will execute contribution/performance-based payouts, awards and bonuses, and non-ratings-based awards and bonuses for the demo workforce consistent with demo project plans and available funds budgeted for that purpose. Unless directed or authorized by the USD(R&E), in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD Components will not impose additional management limitations on the payments of contribution/performance-based payouts, awards and bonuses, and non-ratings-based awards and bonuses.

B. Evaluation

Procedures for evaluating these authorities will be incorporated into the STRL demonstration project evaluation processes conducted by the STRLs, OUSD(R&E), or Component headquarters, as appropriate.

C. Reports

STRLs will track and provide information and data on the use of these authorities when requested by the Component headquarters or OUSD(R&E).

Appendix A: Required Waivers to Laws and Regulations

Title 5, United States Code	Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations
<p>5 U.S.C. 45, subchapter 1—Awards for Superior Accomplishments. Waived to the extent necessary to allow the STRL Director to implement the flexibilities in this Federal Register and provide paid time-off as a recruitment incentive, provide retention and other incentive awards, and provide contribution- and performance-based payouts, as described in this FRN.</p>	<p>5 CFR part 335, section 335.102(f)—Agency authority to promote, demote, or reassign. Waived to the extent necessary to allow extensions of temporary promotions and reassignments as described in this Federal Register Notice.</p> <p>5 CFR part 451, subpart A—Agency Awards. Waived to the extent necessary to allow the STRL Director to implement the flexibilities in this Federal Register and provide paid time-off as a retention incentive, provide retention incentives and other incentive awards, and execute contribution and performance-based payouts, as described in this FRN.</p> <p>5 CFR part 575, subpart A and subpart C—Recruitment and Retention Incentives. Waived to the extent necessary to allow the STRL Director to implement the recruitment and retention flexibilities as described in this Federal Register notice, to include paying a retention counteroffer up to 50 percent of basic pay to retain high performing employees and to determine whether a service agreement is required. Criteria for these determinations will be as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 5754 unless otherwise specified in this FRN.</p>

Appendix B. Authorized STRLs and Federal Register Notices

Table with 2 columns: STRL and Federal Register Notice. Lists various military and research organizations and their corresponding FR notices.

Dated: May 16, 2024. Aaron T. Siegel, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 2024-11142 Filed 5-20-24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6001-FR-P

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION National Assessment Governing Board Meeting Notice; Correction

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board, Department of Education. ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board (Governing Board) published a document in the Federal Register on Friday, May 3, 2024 announcing the schedule and proposed agenda of the May 16-17, 2024 quarterly meeting of the Governing Board. The meeting agenda has been revised to reflect the below changes to the Thursday and Friday sessions of the Governing Board meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Scott (202) 357-7502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of May 3, 2024, in FR Doc. 2024-09695, at 89 FR 36782-236783, the agenda has been

revised to reflect new times for these meetings. The AI and Large-Scale Assessment: Perspectives from PISA (the Programme for International Student Assessment) session scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will now be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The member discussion scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2024, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 2:50 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

The meeting will end at 5:30 p.m. which is 30 minutes earlier than the originally published end time of 6:00 p.m.

Lesley A. Muldoon, Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB), U. S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION [Docket ID ED-FSA-2024-0062]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the U.S. Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a modified system of records entitled the "National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)" (18-11-06). The information contained in this system is maintained for various purposes relating to aid applicants and recipients. These include determining aid applicants' and recipients' eligibility for Federal student financial assistance under the programs authorized by title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA); assisting institutions of higher education participating in and administering the title IV, HEA programs by verifying the eligibility of aid recipients for, and tracking, Federal student loans; and assisting the Department's oversight and administration of the title IV, HEA programs, including evaluating their effectiveness.

DATES: Submit your comments on this modified system of records notice on or before June 20, 2024.

This modified system of records notice will become applicable upon publication in the Federal Register on May 21, 2024, except for the new and modified routine uses (1)(c), (1)(o), and (1)(q) that are outlined in the section entitled "ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM,