

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 4, 2010

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman Chairman Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to submit the report required under Section 4 of the General Services Administration Modernization Act, Public Law 109-313 (41 U.S.C. 433), which provides agencies the authority to reemploy retired federal employees, or annuitants, without the usual salary offset in acquisition-related positions. Under section 4, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy must report annually on the use of this authority.

A strong acquisition workforce is critical to improving acquisition management and meeting agency mission needs. Authorities such as this provide agencies with needed flexibility to increase the capacity of their acquisition workforce to meet critical needs, such as implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. According to data provided by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), in fiscal year 2009 agencies reemployed 140 annuitants, a significant increase over the 57 annuitants hired in fiscal year 2008.

Number of Reemployed Annuitants Hired into Acquisition Related Positions in Fiscal Year 2009

| | # Annuitants |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Agency | Reemployed |
| DoD | 81 |
| USDA | 18 |
| DOI | 8 |
| VA | 7 |
| GSA | 6 |
| DHS | 4 |
| SSA | 4 |
| DOE | 3 |
| HHS | 2 |
| Intl Water & Boundary | |
| Commission | 2 |
| FCC | 1 |
| USAID | 1 |
| DOT | 1 |
| NSF | 1 |
| NASA | 1 |
| Total | 140 |

My office is committed to working with agencies to increase the capacity, capability, and effectiveness of the acquisition workforce to improve federal contracting. Our efforts include a more strategic focus on acquisition human capital planning, increased training and development opportunities, and improving the acquisition workforce management infrastructure. The President's fiscal year 2011 Budget requested \$158 million for civilian agencies to increase their workforce by 5 percent, provide targeted training, and increase certification of acquisition professionals.

Thank you for your interest in the acquisition workforce and I welcome the opportunity to share more information about our current acquisition workforce initiatives and plans for the future.

Sincerely,

Daniel I. Gordon Administrator