

thority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 1124 of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 193 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

DESIGN ELEMENTS OF PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS
IN DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title XI, §1126, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1640, provided that: "A pay-for-performance system may not be initiated under chapter 47 of title 5, United States Code, after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 24, 2003], unless it incorporates the following elements:

- "(1) Adherence to merit principles set forth in section 2301 of such title.
- "(2) A fair, credible, and transparent employee performance appraisal system.
- "(3) A link between elements of the pay-for-performance system, the employee performance appraisal system, and the agency's strategic plan.
- "(4) A means for ensuring employee involvement in the design and implementation of the system.
- "(5) Adequate training and retraining for supervisors, managers, and employees in the implementation and operation of the pay-for-performance system.
- "(6) A process for ensuring ongoing performance feedback and dialogue between supervisors, managers, and employees throughout the appraisal period, and setting timetables for review.
- "(7) Effective safeguards to ensure that the management of the system is fair and equitable and based on employee performance.
- "(8) A means for ensuring that adequate agency resources are allocated for the design, implementation, and administration of the pay-for-performance system."

§ 4702. Research programs

The Office of Personnel Management shall—

- (1) establish and maintain (and assist in the establishment and maintenance of) research programs to study improved methods and technologies in Federal personnel management;
- (2) evaluate the research programs established under paragraph (1) of this section;
- (3) establish and maintain a program for the collection and public dissemination of information relating to personnel management research and for encouraging and facilitating the exchange of information among interested persons and entities; and
- (4) carry out the preceding functions directly or through agreement or contract.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1185.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

§ 4703. Demonstration projects

(a) Except as provided in this section, the Office of Personnel Management may, directly or through agreement or contract with one or more agencies and other public and private organizations, conduct and evaluate demonstration projects. Subject to the provisions of this section, the conducting of demonstration projects shall not be limited by any lack of specific authority under this title to take the action contemplated, or by any provision of this title or any rule or regulation prescribed under this title which is inconsistent with the action, including any law or regulation relating to—

- (1) the methods of establishing qualification requirements for, recruitment for, and appointment to positions;
- (2) the methods of classifying positions and compensating employees;
- (3) the methods of assigning, reassigning, or promoting employees;
- (4) the methods of disciplining employees;
- (5) the methods of providing incentives to employees, including the provision of group or individual incentive bonuses or pay;
- (6) the hours of work per day or per week;
- (7) the methods of involving employees, labor organizations, and employee organizations in personnel decisions; and
- (8) the methods of reducing overall agency staff and grade levels.

(b) Before conducting or entering into any agreement or contract to conduct a demonstration project, the Office shall—

- (1) develop a plan for such project which identifies—
 - (A) the purposes of the project;
 - (B) the types of employees or eligibles, categorized by occupational series, grade, or organizational unit;
 - (C) the number of employees or eligibles to be included, in the aggregate and by category;
 - (D) the methodology;
 - (E) the duration;
 - (F) the training to be provided;
 - (G) the anticipated costs;
 - (H) the methodology and criteria for evaluation;
 - (I) a specific description of any aspect of the project for which there is a lack of specific authority; and
 - (J) a specific citation to any provision of law, rule, or regulation which, if not waived under this section, would prohibit the conducting of the project, or any part of the project as proposed;
- (2) publish the plan in the Federal Register;
- (3) submit the plan so published to public hearing;
- (4) provide notification of the proposed project, at least 180 days in advance of the date any project proposed under this section is to take effect—
 - (A) to employees who are likely to be affected by the project; and
 - (B) to each House of the Congress;
- (5) obtain approval from each agency involved of the final version of the plan; and