Form CD-541U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (3-06)

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL AND POSITION REVIEW

PERFORMANCE APPRA	ISAL AND POSITION REVIEW	I
Employee's Name		
Position/Title		
Career Path/Series/Band		
Organization	Rating Period	
RATING OFFICE	IAL'S CERTIFICATION	
I Certify That:		
This plan is a complete and accurate statemen	nt of the performance elements, objectives, an	d major activities
that will form the basis of the employee's perfo	ormance appraisal.	
The performance plan and position description	reflect similar objectives, duties and responsi	bilities.
Name and Title of Rating Official	Signature	Date
HIGHER LEVEL SUP	ERVISOR CONCURRENCE	
I agree with the certification of the position	description and concur with the performance	plan.
Name and Title of Higher Level Supervisor (if appropriate)	Signature	Date
PAY POOL MA	NAGER'S APPROVAL	
I agree with the certification of the position	n description and I approve the performance p	olan.
Name and Title of Pay Pool Manager	Date	
REVIEWING OF	FICIAL'S APPROVAL	1
This review is appropriate when the	pay pool manager is also the rating official.	
Name and Title of Reviewing Official	Date	
EMPLOYEE A	CKNOWLEDGMENT	
My signature acknowledges discussion of the position necessarily signify ag	n description and receipt of the performance pare	lan, but does not
Employee's Signature		Date

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ITEM 4. Mid-Cycle/Progress Review (Check appropriate box)												
1. Review indicates performance is Eligible.												
2. Review indicates performance is Eligible ; however, there are performance deficiencies, as stated below.												
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Key Achievements, Strengths: Be specific and relate these to performance elements. List areas where work was done well and identify the strengths exhibited by the employee during the rating period.												
Deficiencies, Areas of Concern: (Must be filled in if box 2 or box 3 above is checked): Be specific and relate these to individual performance elements. Note deficiencies or areas where performance has declined during the rating period.												
Suggestions/Strategies for Improvement: List areas in which the employee might enhance performance. Comments can also identify suggestions for career growth and development.												
	Employee's Initials	Date	Rating Official's Initials	Date								
Mid-Cycle Progress Review												
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ITEM	5. I	Rating Official's End-of-Year Appraisal (Includes consideration of attached employee accomplishments)
Ш	1.	Review indicates performance is Eligible .
	2.	Review indicates performance is Eligible ; however, there are performance deficiencies, as stated below.
	3.	Review indicates performance is deficient and a performance improvement plan is needed. Deficiencies are stated below. (If this block is checked, supervisor must contact the servicing HR office.)
	4.	Review indicates that a PIP has not been successfully completed and performance is rated Unsatisfactory .
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SECTION 2 - PERFORMANCE SUMMARY RATING								
Em	ployee's Name		Rating Period					
Org	ganization							
ITE	EM 1. Scoring							
1.	List each performance element and its weight.							
2.	Assign a score to each element. Enter "Unsatisfactor	y" if element pe	rformance does not warrant a	score.				
3.	Complete total score by summing element scores. To "Unsatisfactory," there is no total score and the overal	otal score can ra Ill rating is "Unsa	ange from 40 to 100. If one or atisfactory."	more elements are rated				
	Performance Element		Weight	Score				
1.			_					
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.			TOTAL SCORE					
ITE	EM 2. Rating and Payouts							
	Eligible (All elements scored in the Eligible range)							
	Unsatisfactory (At least one element rated Unsatis	sfactory)						
Pe	RIF Service Credit 10 Years formance Pay Increase Percentage Description	5 Years ollar Amount	Bonus Amoun	ıt				
Naı	ne and Title of Rating Official	Signature		Date				
Naı	me and Title of Higher Level Supervisor (If Appropriate)	Signature		Date				
Naı	ne and Title of Pay Pool Manager	Signature		Date				
Naı	ne and Title of Reviewing Official	Signature		Date				
Em	ployee's Signature (Signifies evaluation feedback meeting he	eld) Em	ployee comments attached?	Date				

ELEMENT POINT RANGES AND BENCHMARK PERFORMANCE STANDARDS TABLE

This sheet must be used in conjunction with the performance plan. The benchmark performance standards are used to evaluate and score against the elements, objectives, and activities listed in the plan.

ELEMENT POINT RANGES						NT R	ANGI	ES			BENCHMARK PERFORMANCE STANDARDS		
55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5			
			39										
	48			34	29	24					Element objectives were achieved with maximum impact through exemplary work that demonstrated exceptional originality, versatility, and creativity.		
			38				19				Activities and related tasks were carried out in the utmost effectiveness and		
	46							14			reliability, rarely needing room for improvement. Products were of the		
		41	37	32	27						highest quality. Problems were solved with dedicated perseverance,		
	45						18		9		penetrating insight, meticulous attention to detail, and unprecedented success. Potential sources of conflict were anticipated and avoided through		
49					26			13			creative alternatives. Cooperation and responsiveness were actively		
48	44	40		31		22	17				promoted wherever possible. Written and oral communication related to the		
			35		25						performance of element activities maximized desired results, forged new		
											cooperative relationships, and increased organizational prestige.		
		37	33										
44				28	24	20	16	12	8	4			
43	39	35	31	27									
42						19	15				Element objectives were accomplished effectively and efficiency, with consistently good quality and quality of work. Activities and related tasks		
41	38	34		26							were carried out in an efficient, orderly sequence that led to timely, correct,		
40	37	33	30		22			11			thorough and cost-effective results. Products were above-average in quality		
39	36	32	29	25		18					and reliability. Accepted procedures were carried out proficiently and		
											constructively, and problems were dealt with skillfully and productive.		
	35		28		21		14		7		Written and oral communication related to the performance of element activities were clear and convincing.		
20						17							
	24	24	07	24	20	17		10					
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			20		19	16	13						
				22		10							
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33	30	21	23		10	10	12	9	U	J			
32	20	26	24	21									
					17	14					Element objectives, activities and related tasks were completed with		
		25	20		17	-	11				adequate quality and quantity of work. Products were generally reliable and		
		24	22	19	16		11	8			were delivered without unacceptable delays. Procedures were minimally		
	20			18	10	13		3			correct and problems were dealt with satisfactorily. Work methods		
20	25	23		10	15	13	10		5		demonstrated a reasonable degree of cooperation with others. Written and oral communication related to the performance of element activities were		
27		22	20	17	10		10		3		generally understandable.		
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UNSATISFACTORY: Work not successfully completed; Failed to follow directions, guidance and procedures; Insufficient technical knowledge/skill; Work did not meet minimum specifications; Routine problems were not resolved satisfactorily; Written and oral communication poor and not understandable; Exhibited uncooperative/unresponsive behavior; Negative impact to organization; Work unacceptably late; Poor leadership skills; Provided no positive direction to staff; Unable to organize and prioritize work and/or wasted time; Ineffective in working with others.

	ELEMENT #1	ELEMENT #2	ELEMENT #3	ELEMENT #4	ELEMENT #5	ELEMENT #6	TOTAL
WEIGHT							= 100
SCORE							

INSTRUCTIONS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Rating Official is responsible for all steps except C-6, which is the responsibility of the Pay Pool Manager.

- A. PERFORMANCE PLANNING (Section 1, Items 1-3): Develop the performance plan in collaboration with the employee.
- Performance Element: Establish the performance elements of the position (Item 1). Fill out a separate Section 1 for each element.
- 2. Objectives: State the objective of each element.
- Point Weight: Assign a weight to each element in terms of importance or time required, or both. The weight selected must be on the Element Point Range. The total weight of all elements must equal 100 points.
- **4. Major Activities:** List the major activities or required results related to each element (Item 2).
- **5. Evaluation Criteria:** If needed, enter a supplemental performance standard that defines at least the minimum level of "Eligible" performance to be applied along with the benchmark performance standards (Item3).
- **6. Cover Sheet:** Fill out and sign the cover sheet; obtain the signatures of higher level supervisor, (if appropriate) the pay Pool Manager, Reviewing Official, and employee in this order.
- B. PROGRESS REVIEW 1, Item 4): Conduct at least one (midyear) progress review with the employee.
- Discussion: For each element, discuss with the employee and record: (a) progress toward accomplishing the element; (b) any need for changes in the plan; and (c) any performance deficiencies and how to correct them.
- 2. Recording: Check one of the blocks.
- Initialing: Initial and data, and have the employee initial and date, attesting that the progress review took place. If changing the plan, Rating Official, Pay Pool Manager, Reviewing Official, and the employee must initial the change.

- C. PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL (Section 1, Item 5: Section II): Appraise the employee's performance in accordance with the performance elements, their objectives, activities, weighted values, the benchmark performance standards, and any supplemental standards.
- 1. **Notification:** Notify the employee of (a) the requirement to submit a list of accomplishments; and (b) the date and time of the Performance Review meeting.
- Performance Review Meeting: Meet with the employee to discuss accomplishments. Ratings and other outcomes ARE NOT discussed att his meeting.
- End-of-Year Appraisal: In Item 5, describe the employee's performance, including consideration of employee's accomplishments and those accomplishments recognized by the Rating Official.
- 4. Scoring: Use the Element Point Ranges and Performance Standards Table to calculate a tentative total score: (a) measure the performance of each element against the Benchmark Performance Standards (and supplemental standards, if any); (b) from the column of scores headed my the weight of the element, select a score for the element that corresponds to the level of performance (e.g., if the weight of the element is 40 points and the performance on the element matched the highest benchmark, assign 40 points; if the performance matches the second highest benchmark, assign 28 points; if it matches the third highest benchmark, assign 16 points; if it falls between two benchmarks, assign an appropriate score); (c) sum the individual element scores to produce the total performance score.
- Recommendations: Submit tentative overall scores and recommendations for pay increases and bonuses (through higher-level supervisor) to the Pay Pool Manager for approval.
- 6. Pay Pool Manager: Carry out the following steps using the automated performance payout system: (a) interleave peer groups: (b) make pay increase decisions; (c) make bonus decisions; (d) record decisions on Form CD-541; (e) sign the Summary Rating Sheet; (f) forward to Reviewing Official, (g) return forms to Rating Official.
- 7. Rating Official: Signs the Summary Rating Sheet.
- 8. Evaluation Feedback Meeting: Rating Official meets with the employee to discuss the final decisions: rating any performance pay increase, and bonus. Obtains the employee's signature and gives the employee a copy of the completed appraisal.

^{*} If the Pay Pool Manager is also the Rating Official for a position in the pay pool, the Reviewing Official (next higher level in management chain) must review and sign the performance plan and appraisal before feedback to the employee.