

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 No |

The percentage of PWD in the GS-1 to GS-10 was 10% in FY23, below the 12% goal. The percentage of PWD in the GS-11 to SES cluster was 18.55% PWD in FY23, above the 12% goal.

*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 Yes |

The percentage of PWTD in the GS-1to GS-10 was 0.0% PWD in FY22, below the 2% goal. The percentage of PWTD in the GS-11 to SES cluster was 1.25% PWD in FY23, below the 2% goal.

| Grade Level Cluster(GS or Alternate Pay Planb) | Total | Reportable Disability | | Targeted Disability | |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|
| | # | # | % | # | % |
| Numarical Goal | -- | 12% | | 2% | |
| Grades GS-11 to SES | 223 | 35 | 15.70 | 4 | 1.79 |
| Grades GS-1 to GS-10 | 10 | 1 | 10.00 | 0 | 0.00 |

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

The FRTIB ORM Director established and communicated a numerical hiring goal of 12 percentage of PWD and 2 percentage of PTWD, the goal was communicated to hiring managers in FY23.

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 Yes

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 | |
| Answering questions from the public about hiring authorities that take disability into account | 1 | 0 | 0 | Tasha.Murchison@FRTIB. |
| Section 508 Compliance | 1 | 0 | 0 | Jasjit.Matharu@FRTIB.gov |
| Processing reasonable accommodation requests from applicants and employees | 1 | 0 | 0 | April Lane Employee Relations Specialist April.Lane@fritib.gov. |
| Architectural Barriers Act Compliance | 0 | 0 | 1 | Joel Mitchell Facility Manager Joel.Mitchell@fritib.gov |
| Processing applications from PWD and PWTD | 1 | 0 | 0 | Melanie Simms Supervisory HR Specialist Melanie.Simms@fritib.gov |
| Special Emphasis Program for PWD and PWTD | 0 | 0 | 0 | No SEP in FY23 |

3. 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 Yes

In FY23, the Human Resources employees have received training through agency’s Learning Management System and external training classes on Schedule A hiring and Reasonable Accommodation.

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 Yes

In FY23, the Human Resources employees have received training through agency’s Learning Management System and external

training classes on Schedule A hiring and Reasonable Accommodation.

Section III: Program Deficiencies In The Disability Program

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| Brief Description of Program Deficiency | B.4.a.8. to effectively administer its special emphasis programs (such as, Federal Women’s Program, Hispanic Employment Program, and People with Disabilities Program Manager)? [5 USC § 7201; 38 USC § 4214; 5 CFR § 720.204; 5 CFR § 213.3102(t) and (u); 5 CFR § 315.709] | | |
| Objective | Did not address in FY22 | | |
| Target Date | Sep 30, 2023 | | |
| Completion Date | | | |
| Planned Activities | <i>Target Date</i> | <i>Completion Date</i> | <i>Planned Activity</i> |
| Accomplishments | <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Accomplishment</i> | |

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

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

FRTIB ensured that all external FRTIB vacancy announcements explicitly stated each vacancy is open to 30% disabled veterans and to people with disabilities under Schedule A appointments. Information was also disseminated to requestors on the availability of the Schedule (A) Hiring authority for persons with disabilities. All new managers continue to receive a Hiring Manager Toolkit that references programs regarding the recruitment of persons with disabilities. In FY23, FRTIB provided hiring managers and supervisors the appropriate Schedule A hiring information and instruction regarding the process of hiring of persons with disabilities.

2. 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

The agency posts all vacancies on both USAJOBS and the agency website and includes both a reasonable accommodation statement and veteran’s preference information. During FY23, FRTIB hired two (2) employees under the Schedule (A) hiring authority.

3. 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.

The Special Placement Coordinator/HR Specialist receives and assesses resumes submitted by Schedule A candidates or veterans who fall under the Veterans Recruitment Appointment or 30% disabled veteran’s authority, to determine qualifications and eligibility of all resumes received. The resumes may be unsolicited resumes that are maintained by the SPC/HRS or have been obtained through a vacancy announcement. To be eligible, the candidate must meet the minimum qualifications for the position and submit other appropriate documentation required by the hiring authority. The SPC/HRS routes the resume of any qualified Schedule A candidate(s) or veterans who fall under the Veterans Recruitment Appointment or 30% disabled veteran’s authority, to the Hiring Official for their consideration. The documentation required by the hiring authority, e.g., proof of disability of qualified candidates,

are not shared with the Hiring Official.

- 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 Yes

All hiring managers were required to take Veterans Employment Training for hiring managers for FY23. This training provided information on disabled veteran hiring authorities. All hiring managers were required to take training on Schedule (A) hiring in FY23.

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.

FRTIB HR Operations team continues to build professional relationships universities, professional networks and eQuest to publish the agency’s vacancies to special population job boards. FRTIB is expanding its relationship with the Job Accommodation Network to support hiring PWD/PWTD. FRTIB had a successful pilot of OPM’s Agency Talent Portal and has integrated searches of the ATP at the beginning of each recruitment discussion with hiring managers.

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 No
- b. New Hires for Permanent Workforce (PWTD) Answer No

In FY23, Table B-1, Employee Gains New hires in the PWD = 3 or 50.00%, above the 12% goal. New hires in the PWTD = 0 or 0.00 in FY23, below the 2% goal.

| New Hires | Total (#) | Reportable Disability | | Targeted Disability | |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Permanent Workforce (%) | Temporary Workforce (%) | Permanent Workforce (%) | Temporary Workforce (%) |
| % of Total Applicants | | | | | |
| % of Qualified Applicants | | | | | |
| % of New Hires | | | | | |

- 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 Yes
- b. New Hires for MCO (PWTD) Answer Yes

There were 1 new hire for MCO (PWD) and 0 new hire for MCO (PWTD) in FY23.

| New Hires to Mission-Critical Occupations | Total (#) | Reportable Disability | Targetable Disability |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | New Hires (%) | 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 No
- b. Qualified Applicants for MCO (PWTD) Answer No

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 No
- b. Promotions for MCO (PWTD) Answer No

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.

• FRTIB operates a mentoring program to match seasoned public sector professionals with rising FRTIB leaders enabling the exchange of professional advice which accelerates career advancement and eases transitions. This program was open to all employees. • FRTIB operates an Emerging Leaders Program which is offered to all GS-5 to 11 employees and is designed to develop future leaders. • FRTIB offers employees, grades 12-14, the opportunity to participate in an internal Leadership Development Program. • Coaching is offered to all employees to ensure growth and success in their leadership positions. • Executive Coaching is provided to all SES, GS-15 and GS-14 Managers and Supervisors to ensure growth and success in their leadership positions.

B. CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES

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

• FRTIB offers all employees the opportunity to participate in the mentoring and coaching programs. • FRTIB offers the Leadership Development Program for grades 12-14 and Emerging Leaders Program for grades 5-11.

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 (%) |
| Coaching Programs | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Training Programs | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Career Development Programs | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Detail Programs | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mentoring Programs | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fellowship Programs | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Internship Programs | 131 | 3 | 2 | 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 No
- b. Selections (PWD) Answer No

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 No
- b. Selections (PWTD) Answer No

In FY23, no individuals with targeted disabilities applied for FRTIB’s 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

| Time-Off Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Time-Off Awards 1 - 10 hours: Awards Given | 22 | 13.64 | 0.00 |

| Time-Off Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Time-Off Awards 11 - 20 hours: Awards Given | 8 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 21 - 30 hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 31 - 40 hours: Awards Given | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Time-Off Awards 41 or more Hours: Awards Given | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Cash Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash Awards: \$501 and under: Awards Given | 301 | 16.28 | 1.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$501 - \$999: Awards Given | 45 | 20.00 | 4.45 |
| Cash Awards: \$1000 - \$1999: Awards Given | 36 | 27.78 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$2000 - \$2999: Awards Given | 25 | 32.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$3000 - \$3999: Awards Given | 46 | 2.18 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$4000 - \$4999: Awards Given | 39 | 2.57 | 0.00 |
| Cash Awards: \$5000 or more: Awards Given | 126 | 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

| Other Awards | Total (#) | Reportable Disability % | Without Reportable Disability % | Targeted Disability % | Without Targeted Disability % |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|

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

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 No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No
- b. Grade GS-15
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No
- c. Grade GS-14
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

d. Grade GS-13

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

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 No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer No

b. Grade GS-15

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTB) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer No

c. Grade GS-14

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTB) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer No

d. Grade GS-13

- i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTB) Answer No
- ii. Internal Selections (PWTB) Answer No

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 No
- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWD) Answer No
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWD) Answer No
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWD) Answer No

4. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTB 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 (PWTB) Answer No

- b. New Hires to GS-15 (PWTD) Answer No
- c. New Hires to GS-14 (PWTD) Answer No
- d. New Hires to GS-13 (PWTD) Answer No

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.

- a. Executives
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No
- b. Managers
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No
- c. Supervisors
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWD) Answer No

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.

- a. Executives
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No
- b. Managers
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No
- c. Supervisors
 - i. Qualified Internal Applicants (PWTD) Answer No
 - ii. Internal Selections (PWTD) Answer No

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 No
- b. New Hires for Managers (PWD) Answer No
- c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWD) Answer No

8. Using the qualified applicant pool as the benchmark, does your agency have a trigger involving PWTB 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 (PWTB) Answer No
- b. New Hires for Managers (PWTB) Answer No
- c. New Hires for Supervisors (PWTB) Answer No

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 Yes

FRTIB did not have any Schedule A applicants eligible for conversion in FY23.

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

| Separations | 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 | 2.45 |
| Permanent Workforce: Retirement | 6 | 2.56 | 2.45 |
| Permanent Workforce: Other Separations | 22 | 12.82 | 8.33 |

| Separations | Total # | Reportable Disabilities % | Without Reportable Disabilities % |
|--|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Permanent Workforce: Total Separations | 33 | 15.38 | 13.24 |

3. Using the inclusion rate as the benchmark, did the percentage of PWTB among voluntary and involuntary separations exceed that of persons without targeted disabilities? If “yes”, describe the trigger below.

- a. Voluntary Separations (PWTB) Answer No
- b. Involuntary Separations (PWTB) Answer No

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| Separations | 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 | 2.09 |
| Permanent Workforce: Retirement | 6 | 0.00 | 2.51 |
| Permanent Workforce: Other Separations | 22 | 0.00 | 9.21 |
| Permanent Workforce: Total Separations | 33 | 0.00 | 13.81 |

4. If a trigger exists involving the separation rate of PWD and/or PWTB, please explain why they left the agency using exit interview results and other data sources.

Exit interviews included questions to determine if the employee’s reason for leaving the agency was disability related. No FRTIB employee left the agency in FY23 for a disability related issue or concerns.

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.frtib.gov/accessibility/>

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.

<https://www.frtib.gov/accessibility/>

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.

FRTIB’s has established a public website for information on Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794d) and Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4151-57).

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.)

The average time frame for processing of initial reasonable accommodations requests in FY23 was 10 days. All requests were processed within the 20-day time limit as required by agency policy.

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.

100% of all FRTIB’s FY23 RA requests were processed within the established 20-day timeframe. 100% of initial requests received were approved. FRTIB Managers and Supervisors are training annually on providing RAs for their employees.

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.

PAS procedures are incorporated into the agency’s RA procedures was approved by the EEOC on 12/3/20, updated approval, dated 9/13/23. No PAS requests were made in FY23. Training on the Reasonable Accommodation Process was provided to all FRTIB managers and supervisors in FY23. No PAS requests were made in FY23.

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 No

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 No

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.

N/A

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 No

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 No

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.

N/A

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 Yes

2. Has the agency established a plan to correct the barrier(s) involving PWD and/or PWTD?

Answer Yes

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

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|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|---|
| Source of the Trigger: | | Other | | | |
| Specific Workforce Data Table: | | Workforce Data Table - B1 | | | |
| STATEMENT OF CONDITION THAT WAS A TRIGGER FOR A POTENTIAL BARRIER: | | The agency did not achieve the 2% federal goal for PWTB. In FY23 FRTIB received several new qualified applicants with Disabilities and Targeted Disabilities, however, new hires in these groups were very low and the agency also fell below its identified targeted goals of 2% for PWTB. | | | |
| Provide a brief narrative describing the condition at issue. | | | | | |
| How was the condition recognized as a potential barrier? | | | | | |
| STATEMENT OF BARRIER GROUPS: | | <i>Barrier Group</i> | | | |
| | | People with Disabilities | | | |
| | | People with Disabilities | | | |
| Barrier Analysis Process Completed?: | | N | | | |
| Barrier(s) Identified?: | | N | | | |
| STATEMENT OF IDENTIFIED BARRIER: | | Barrier Name | | Description of Policy, Procedure, or Practice | |
| Provide a succinct statement of the agency policy, procedure or practice that has been determined to be the barrier of the undesired condition. | | Hiring Managers | | Procedure, Institutional/Structural - Hiring Managers are not notified of the targeted disabilities. Announcements are not being sent to agencies/organizations that supports individuals with disabilities. The full scope of Selective Placement Coordinator's duties may not be carrying out the fully for this position | |
| Objective(s) and Dates for EEO Plan | | | | | |
| Date Initiated | Target Date | Sufficient Funding / Staffing? | Date Modified | Date Completed | Objective Description |
| 09/30/2020 | 09/30/2024 | Yes | | | Ensure hiring managers are notified of the qualified PWD and/or PWTB applicants when filling positions. Solicit the assistance of agencies designed to assist in placing individuals with disabilities. Ensure that the Selective Placement Coordinator's duties include areas that will assist the agency in meeting its goals |
| Responsible Official(s) | | | | | |
| Title | | Name | | Standards Address The Plan? | |
| EEO Manager | | Donald Sapp | | No | |
| HR Officer | | Kristin Hanmer | | No | |

| Planned Activities Toward Completion of Objective | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Target Date | Planned Activities | Sufficient Staffing & Funding? | Modified Date | Completion Date |
| 09/30/2021 | Solicit and advertise vacancy announcements with agencies designed to assist in placing individuals with disabilities | Yes | | 06/30/2020 |
| 09/30/2020 | Review and update the Selective Placement Program Coordinator's duties. | Yes | | 06/30/2020 |
| 07/30/2020 | Re-surveying the agency's workforce to update their race, national origin, and disability information twice a year. | Yes | | 06/30/2020 |
| Report of Accomplishments | | | | |
| Fiscal Year | Accomplishment | | | |
| 2020 | Re-surveyed the agency's workforce to update their race, national origin, and disability information bi-annually. | | | |

4. Please explain the factor(s) that prevented the agency from timely completing any of the planned activities.

N/A

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

N/A

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.

N/a