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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

FROM: KATHLEEN M. McGETTIGAN, ACTING DIRECTOR

Subject: Four New Academic Agreements Offer Federal Employees Reduced Tuition Rates and Scholarships to Pursue Post-Secondary Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) mission is to recruit, retain and honor a world-class workforce to serve the American people. OPM has entered into academic agreements with College for America at Southern New Hampshire University, Drexel University Online, Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, and the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business as part of OPM's continued effort to close skills gaps, increase Federal employees' access to high-quality, affordable educational resources, and further develop and sustain the Federal workforce.

The agreements provide reduced tuition rates and/or scholarships to Federal employees; some of the agreements extend the benefits to spouses and legal dependents. The portfolio of these institutions include programs that address some of the Federal Government's mission-critical occupation skills in the areas of Acquisition, Human Resources, Financial Auditing, Economics, Information Technology with an emphasis on Cybersecurity, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These agreements take effect immediately.

For more information about the programs, admissions, and contact information for each school, see Appendix 1 (attached). For additional information, please contact OPM's Learning and Development Team via email at learninganddevelopment@opm.gov.

Attachment—Appendix 1: New Governmentwide Academic Alliances List (see 508-compliant PDF below)

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