Bulletin Announcements for week ending February 4, 2011

CALENDAR UPDATES – All Calendar Items can be found on www.CHCOC.gov

NEXT Full Council Meeting
March 8th (10am-12pm)
Executive Conference Room, 5TH Floor, OPM

NEXT Deputy CHCO Meeting
March 24th (10am-12pm)
Pendleton Room, 5TH Floor, OPM

ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMOS – Attention: These Memos May Contain Action Items and/or Deadlines. PLEASE READ!!

OPM and OFPP Present: Hiring Flexibilities and Successful Hiring Strategies
With over $500 billion a year in contract spending on goods and services, it is critical that the Federal Government attract talented individuals to the acquisition and other key professions, such as finance and information technology. OPM and OFPP have partnered to develop a memo and seminar on attracting talent to the Federal workforce. The seminar is scheduled for February 24, 2011 at the GSA Central Office Auditorium, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Come hear details on hiring flexibilities that are available to streamline your hiring process, strategies for hiring high-quality talent, and best practices from the Department of Education who has had tremendous success in hiring talented professionals. We encourage you to attend and also to bring your hiring managers, your human capital partners, your finance and information technology colleagues, and your questions! We look forward to seeing you there!

Click Here To register.

WELCOME TO HR UNIVERSITY!
Visit the premier federal resource for HR training at: www.hru.gov
Read this week’s Press Release HERE.

Extension of Benefits to Same-Sex Domestic Partners of Federal Employees -- OPM Agency Support and Technical Assistance will provide HR Directors a checklist requesting completion by February 14. This is a follow up to the Presidential Memorandum dated June 2, 2010 requiring agencies to report (http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-memorandum-extension-benefits-same-sex-domestic-partners-federal-emplo). We appreciate your assistance in providing information needed for OPM’s report to the President due in April.

JOB POSTINGS – Agencies can send Job Announcements for HR/SES Positions – Send to chcoc@opm.gov

GENERAL INTEREST

Message from the Council on Veterans Employment:
The Council on Veterans Employment will meet on March 1, 2011, at 10-11:30 am, at the Department of Veterans Affairs (Room
TBD. An agenda will be forthcoming, but one of the key issues is how well are agencies performing on their FY 2011 hiring percentage goals for the President’s Veterans Employment Initiative (VEI). We ask that only the Member (Department or Agency Head) and/or the Member’s Official Designee attend the meeting due to space limitations. Please RSVP with Shirl Sibley at Shirl.Sibley@opm.gov or (202) 606-1575 by February 22, 2011. POC is Joseph Kennedy, joseph.kennedy@opm.gov.

**OTHER News & Events**

**THE CHCO COUNCIL** is seeking detailers to help support the Council’s wide range of projects, priorities and goals. A detail with the Council offers a unique developmental opportunity to support the members as they work together toward common government-wide HR solutions. The ideal candidate is outgoing and self-motivated, and must be able to handle competing priorities and deadlines in a responsible and efficient manner. CHCOs and Deputies are asked to nominate GS-9 through GS-12 candidates for a 3-6 month detail opportunity at OPM. Please contact Kathryn Medina for more information or to obtain a PD (kathryn.medina@opm.gov).

The CHCO bulletin is the primary means of disseminating pertinent and timely information to CHCOs on a wide range of Human Capital issues. The consolidated nature of this bulletin is meant to reduce the e-mail flow and streamline key communications.

Each agency should ensure they are getting all information contained in the weekly bulletin.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions on the bulletin or its contents, please feel free to contact me directly at kathryn.medina@opm.gov.