

ORDER

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MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS PRESENCE



U.S. Department of Energy
NNSA, Office of International Operations

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1. **PURPOSE.** This Order establishes Department of Energy (DOE), including the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), requirements and responsibilities governing DOE's Overseas Presence in order to effectively meet national security objectives, including energy security, nuclear security, and scientific discovery and innovation, implemented outside the United States.
 - a. Ensure that the Secretary of Energy and the Department are effectively represented at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and other international overseas assignments, including assignments to international organizations.
 - b. Increase coordination among Departmental elements with programmatic requirements for full, partial, or occasional representation at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and other international assignments overseas, including assignments to international organizations.
 - c. Establish procedures for selecting, managing, training, and evaluating DOE personnel assigned to positions representing the Secretary of Energy and the Department at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and other international assignments overseas, including assignments to international organizations.
 - d. Establish and define uniform and appropriate methodologies and procedures for funding the direct and indirect costs associated with DOE representation at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and other international assignments overseas, including assignments to international organizations.
2. **CANCELLATIONS.** None.
3. **APPLICABILITY.**
 - a. **Departmental Applicability.**
 - (1) This Order applies to all departmental elements.
 - (2) The Administrator of NNSA will assure that NNSA employees and contractors comply with their respective responsibilities under this directive. Nothing in this Order will be construed to interfere with the NNSA Administrator's authority under section 3212(d) of Public Law (P.L.) 106-65 to establish Administration-specific policies, unless disapproved by the Secretary.

b. DOE Contractors.

- (1) Except for the equivalencies/exceptions set forth in paragraph 3.c below, the Contractor Requirements Document (CRD), Attachment 1, sets forth requirements of this Order that will apply to contracts that include the CRD.
- (2) This Order does not automatically apply to other site/facility management contracts. Application of any requirements of this directive to other than site/facility management contracts will be communicated separately from this Order. (See paragraph 5, Responsibilities.)

c. Equivalencies/Exemptions.

- (1) Equivalency. In accordance with the responsibilities and authorities assigned by Executive Order 12344, codified at 50 USC sections 2406 and 2511 and to ensure consistency through the joint Navy/DOE Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, the Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors (Director) will implement and oversee requirements and practices pertaining to this Directive for activities under the Director's cognizance, as deemed appropriate.
- (2) Exemption. This Order does not cover temporary duty travel overseas for durations of less than 30 days, which is already covered under DOE O 551.1C, *Official Foreign Travel*.

4. REQUIREMENTS.

- a. General. The DOE Overseas Presence exists to support DOE strategic goals and the program and staff offices that implement these goals. Accordingly, programmatic requirements must drive decisions about the location, staff size, and staff composition of the overseas offices.
 - (1) The Department's Overseas Presence will be organized and managed to fully support Title 22 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3927, section 207 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, (P.L. 96-465) and the National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 38 dated June 2, 1982, which gives the Chief of Mission (COM) control of the size, composition, and mandate of overseas full-time mission staffing for all U.S. Government agencies. The Department understands and accepts that while DOE employees serve overseas, those employees will be subject to receiving tasks and assignments consistent with their duties directly from the COM.
 - (2) The Department will ensure that clear and uniform corporate standards exist concerning management of DOE personnel assigned to military

commands, and to other international assignments, including assignments to international organizations, prior to assigning employees to these organizations.

b. DOE Overseas Corps.

- (1) All DOE employees designated as necessary to staff the Department's position at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and other international assignments overseas, including assignments to international organizations, are part of the DOE Overseas Corps.
- (2) As part of the Overseas Presence Advisory Board (OPAB); (see paragraph 4.c below), all program and staff offices providing personnel for the DOE Overseas Corps will work with the DOE Office of Human Capital Management or the NNSA Office of Human Capital Management Programs, as appropriate, and the NNSA Office of International Operations to develop a common corporate methodology for managing the DOE Overseas Corps (establishing positions, acquiring and training personnel, reintegrating them into the workforce upon tour completion, etc.). This methodology must be consistent with this Order and with the *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments* and will, at a minimum, provide the following:
 - (a) Training Program. The Office of International Operations will develop a pre-deployment training and certification program for all DOE and NNSA employees for overseas assignments. Once this program is approved by the OPAB, the Office of International Operations will ensure that all overseas personnel selected for overseas assignments are trained and certified and that any required in-service training for employees occupying permanent DOE positions overseas is satisfied.
 - (b) Formal Orientation. The Office of International Operations, with the assistance of program and staff offices, will provide all employees with a formal orientation prior to their overseas assignment which, at a minimum, includes:
 - 1 an explanation of benefits and allowances applicable to DOE employees under Department of State Standardized Regulations;
 - 2 an overview of the *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments*;

- 3 a discussion of performance management, especially as it relates to overseas assignments;
 - 4 an explanation of expected length of tour, follow-on assignments, and career planning;
 - 5 information security and counterintelligence awareness; and
 - 6 program and staff office briefings.
- (c) Creation of New Positions. The OPAB will use a five-year strategic planning process to corporately determine where to place new positions and equitably fund these positions. Additionally, Departmental elements have the right to propose creation of new positions to the OPAB whenever:
- 1 the Departmental element determines a need for a full-time position to support its respective programmatic needs,
 - 2 the Departmental element intends to fully or partially fund the position, or
 - 3 another Departmental element has agreed to fully or partially fund the position.
- (d) Nomination Process. Selection of individuals to serve in the DOE Overseas Corps will be accomplished in a manner in keeping with the highest standards of ethics and integrity, at all times seeking to send only the most qualified personnel overseas to represent the Secretary of Energy and the Department.
- 1 Both the head of the program or staff office providing personnel to the DOE Overseas Corps and the selecting official within that program or staff office are charged with ensuring that the selection and assignment processes meet all Office of Personnel Management standards for equality of opportunity and ethical conduct.
 - 2 If approved by a formal session of the OPAB [and the Executive Resources Board for Senior Executive Service (SES) for equivalent positions] overseas positions may be filled through reassignment of existing DOE/NNSA employees; but only when:

- a there is a compelling reason for not using the open competitive process;
- b such a reassignment action is in keeping with NNSA reassignment processes for NNSA employees and in keeping with DOE reassignment processes for DOE employees; and
- c the proposed employee has both specific programmatic experience satisfying the “compelling reason” above AND has relevant overseas experience.

NOTE: Experience may include country or regional expertise relevant to the country of assignment, a foreign language relevant to the country of assignment, or prior experience working overseas in a similar position.

- 3 DOE permanent positions included in the DOE Overseas Corps not filled through the reassignment of existing DOE/NNSA employees must be filled through open competition. Vacancies must be announced through OPM on USAJOBS.
- 4 All selections for DOE permanent positions must be accomplished by a formal board, convened by the selecting official from the Departmental element funding the position. The selection board must include at least two representatives from program offices represented on the Overseas Presence Advisory Board, and a representative from the program or staff office providing the position. The selecting official may invite programs deemed to be most affected by the overseas position to participate in the selection process.
- 5 All vacancies must be formally coordinated with the OPAB prior to the advertisement and opening date of the announcement. Subsequently, all selections must be formally announced to the OPAB. At all times, the selection and assignments process must be open and transparent to the OPAB and to employees.

- (e) Position Descriptions and Vacancy Announcements. These documents will contain the following information for DOE Overseas Corps positions:
- 1 type of appointment, length of tour, and renewal option;
 - 2 allowances and conditions of employment;
 - 3 medical clearance and health insurance coverage;
 - 4 security clearance/access authorization;
 - 5 service agreement requirement; and
 - 6 language requirement, if applicable.
- (f) SF-50, “Notification of Personnel Action.” Allowances, conditions of employment, and any other requirements must be documented in the “Remarks” section of the applicable SF-50.
- (g) Qualifications. Given the challenging foreign environment in which DOE Overseas Corps personnel are expected to perform, and the significant DOE administrative support and resource commitments involved, sponsoring offices have a responsibility to select highly qualified Corps officers who are best suited for overseas assignments. Corps personnel are expected to possess general DOE and regional/country-specific knowledge and skills, and the specialized mission expertise that their sponsoring office deems essential for program mission success. Overseas Corps personnel must be able to perform the following core functions:
- 1 Representation. Principal advisor to COM and Country Team on DOE issues; promote DOE programs with foreign counterparts.
 - 2 DOE Program Implementation. Provide “reach back” to DOE and, via the appropriate DOE program office, to specialized expertise in the DOE laboratories; facilitate foreign bilateral/multilateral cooperation and exchange.
 - 3 Reporting. Information/data collection and reporting responsive to DOE-wide requirements; provide “field perspective” to DOE analysis and policy.
- (h) Conditions of Employment.

- 1 Medical Clearance. Employees and their eligible dependents are required to be cleared by the Department of State (DOS) Office of Medical Services. Clearances must be renewed every two-years.
- 2 Health Insurance. Employees must possess health insurance coverage that reimburses them for claims; employees must in turn reimburse DOE for the amount covered by insurance plans for any expenses that DOE incurs for them or their dependents.
- 3 Security Clearance. Employees are required to maintain Q-level clearance/access authorization at all times.
- 4 Passport and Visas. Employees must be eligible for, and obtain, a diplomatic passport and applicable visas before departing for overseas assignments.
- 5 Length of Tour. The tour length for a permanent position in a country where danger pay is not applicable is 3 years, exclusive of any home leave used after 2 years. The exceptions to this are:

 - a positions in countries where danger pay applies, in which case the normal tour is 1-year with the possibility of a 1-year extension and
 - b when management determines that a tour should be terminated early.
- 6 Return Rights. Employees selected for permanent overseas positions have a right to return to a position in the Departmental element from which they were assigned overseas at the highest permanent level attained during or before the assignment. If an employee is temporarily promoted to a position overseas, then the employee's return rights are to the grade level held prior to the overseas assignment.
- 7 Service Agreements. Members of the DOE Overseas Corps must be covered by one of the approved service agreements contained in the *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments*.

- 8 Allowances. Allowances are incentives for overseas service, and provide assistance to employees and their families in meeting expenses incurred in moving and living overseas. Allowances are subject to change periodically.
- a Employees are authorized the maximum amount of the allowances for which they are eligible.
 - b Employees are authorized to take eligible family members at DOE expense to foreign posts if they choose to do so; however, no separate maintenance allowance will be authorized.
 - c Whenever possible, housing is to be secured before a travel authorization is approved to avoid unnecessary costs and inconveniences.
 - d If household furnishings are provided at DOE expense, an employee will be limited to no more than the weight limit available to DOS employees that may be shipped at DOE expense; the balance, up to a combined total of 18,000 pounds, may be placed in storage at DOE expense.
 - e An education allowance is authorized for dependent children in kindergarten through secondary school while assigned overseas.
 - f An advance in pay of up to 3 months may be authorized at the time of transfer to a foreign post to purchase items that are necessary, but may not be readily available at post. An employee must repay the indebtedness within 7 pay periods.
- 9 Home Leave. Home leave is authorized when an employee completes a 2-year term and commits to complete an additional 12-month or longer tour overseas.
- 10 Evaluations. The employee's supervisor of record is responsible for evaluating the employee while on overseas assignment. Organizations receiving support from the employee will provide input to the supervisor of record.
- (i) Details and Transfers to International Organizations. Details of personnel to organizations outside DOE must be covered by

Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) between DOE and the host organizations; transfers to international organizations must be confirmed by Letters of Consent from DOE to the international organizations, with copies to the affected employees.

- 1 Interagency assignments must be fully reimbursable except when the assignment:
 - a involves matters related to the DOE organization's appropriations and will aid it in accomplishing the objective for which appropriations are provided; or
 - b will have a negligible impact on the DOE organization's appropriations.
 - 2 Details must be documented on Standard Form (SF) 52, "Request for Personnel Action," while transfers must be documented on SF 50, "Notification of Personnel Action."
 - 3 Return rights must be provided by the Departmental element that approves an employee's transfer to an international organization.
- (3) Departmental elements must establish and manage overseas positions within the structure and methodology of the DOE Overseas Corps.
- (4) Departmental elements must obtain the approval of OPAB before using contractor support to establish or fill overseas positions. Issues involving placement of contractor personnel overseas may be brought before the OPAB for consideration.
- c. DOE Overseas Presence Advisory Board.
- (1) The OPAB will consist of representatives from each of the following organizations:
 - (a) Office of the Secretary
 - (b) Energy Information Administration
 - (c) National Nuclear Security Administration
 - (d) Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
 - (e) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- (f) Office of Environmental Management
 - (g) Office of Fossil Energy
 - (h) Office of the General Counsel
 - (i) Office of Human Capital Management
 - (j) Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence
 - (k) Office of Management
 - (l) Office of the Chief Financial Officer
 - (m) Office of Nuclear Energy
 - (n) Office of Policy and International Affairs
 - (o) Office of Science
 - (p) Power Administration liaison
 - (q) Other offices which the Secretary may designate
- (2) The Chairperson of the OPAB serves on a rotating basis. This Chairperson, chosen from among the OPAB members, is appointed by the Deputy Secretary and serves for a period of two years. Additionally, a Vice-Chair will be selected by the OPAB from among its members. The Vice-Chair will serve for a period of two years, will assist the Chair as needed, and will preside over the OPAB in the Chair's absence.
- (3) The OPAB provides oversight on both management and operational issues concerning the Department's Overseas Presence, to include the DOE Overseas Corps. The OPAB shall:
- (a) Develop and disseminate DOE policies and responsibilities for the DOE Overseas Presence;
 - (b) Ensure DOE policies fully comply with Presidential direction to right-size the government's Overseas Presence;
 - (c) Follow the best practices of other Government agencies;
 - (d) Oversee the operational aspects of the DOE Overseas Presence, including:

- 1 ensuring that all personnel actions and relocations are consistent with this policy and the DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments;
 - 2 establishing and implementing policy for overseas employee assignments;
 - 3 coordinating all funding requirements for overseas entitlements with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;
 - 4 facilitating execution of DOE and NNSA programmatic missions overseas by establishing, staffing, and operating formal departmental offices located at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and other international assignments overseas, including assignments to international organizations, and arranging formal assistance from U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions where no official departmental office exists; and
 - 5 serving as the focal point for the Department on all interagency groups focused on the operational aspects of the U.S. Government overseas presence; including:
 - a International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS),
 - b Capital Security Cost Sharing (CSCS),
 - c rightsizing of the U.S. Government Overseas Presence,
 - d overseas employment, and
 - e overseas building operations.
- (e) Manage approved overseas positions at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands and other international assignments overseas, including assignments to international organizations. In addition, the OPAB will:
- 1 ensure that personnel actions are appropriately coordinated with DOE Office of Human Capital Management or NNSA Office of Human Capital Management Programs, as appropriate, and the Embassy or cognizant personnel

office, including any changes in personnel composition, rank, duty station, or personal description; and

2 determine that the extension, non-extension, or curtailment of overseas personnel is handled consistently and equitably in accordance with the *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments*.

(f) Make commitments on behalf of the Department related to the Department's overseas presence including resolving programmatic and budgetary issues.

NOTE: Departmental elements and individual employees do not have the authority to, and are prohibited from, entering into discussions or making resource commitments related to the DOE Overseas Presence with the State Department, Department of Defense, U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, or international organizations overseas on any aspects of the DOE or the U.S. Government (USG) overseas presence without prior written authorization from the OPAB. (This prohibition does not apply to the normal programmatic activities with foreign partners performed by Departmental Elements, nor does it apply to coordination with the Department of State, Department of Defense or interagency on programmatic aspects not related to elements of the DOE Overseas Presence.)

Interactions requiring formal prior written OPAB authorization include; but are not limited to:

1 informal written and verbal interactions with senior State and Defense Department officials in the United States, at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, or at international organizations overseas which specifically address the DOE Overseas Presence;

2 submission of a formal request to add or change the size, location, composition, or purpose of DOE overseas personnel through the National Security Decision Directive 38 (NSDD 38) Process;

3 selection of subscription services and approval of invoices and work accounts under the ICASS system;

- (2) The OPMC will meet at a minimum once each fiscal year, and may meet more often if desired by the chair or members. The OPMC will advise the Secretary of Energy on issues related to the Department's overseas presence.
 - (3) The OPMC will consist of the DOE Chief of Staff, the Under Secretary, the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, the Under Secretary for Science, the Director of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, and the Deputy Secretary of Energy, who shall serve as chair.
 - (4) The OPMC will review the Annual Report submitted by the Office of International Operations to provide strategic guidance, and resolve issues that are not resolved by the OPAB.
 - (5) During the Departmental Program-Planning-Budgeting System (PPBS) process, the members of the OPMC will review resource decisions associated with the Department's Overseas Presence to ensure appropriate emphasis and focus.
- e. Resource Management. Until new funds can be requested in a future budget year, all resources for current positions or expanding the size and capabilities of the DOE Overseas Presence will come *from within existing financial controls*. There are several methods Departmental elements can use separately or in combination to support the DOE Overseas Corps:
- (1) Fully Fund a Federal Full-Time Equivalent (FTE). Costs include salary, benefits and allowances, housing, ICASS, CSCS, and other costs. These costs will vary by location, employee grade, and family size of the overseas employee.
 - (2) Fully Fund a Locally Employed Staff (LES) Employee. An LES is a DOE employee hired under State Department procedures in the host country. An LES is not authorized to undertake all actions that an FTE DOE employee make take, and are inappropriate for some functions. An LES can, under the right circumstances, be an effective means of advancing program and Department initiatives at a cost lower than that of an FTE DOE employee.
 - (3) Partially Fund an Overseas Presence. Any program with a demonstrated need for support from one or more of the overseas offices can contribute. This can be accomplished immediately by a Funding Memo to the Director of International Operations or an Approved Funding Program (AFP) change. These funds may be used to pay housing, ICASS, CSCS and other costs, or to partially fund LES. Funding for the salary, benefits

and allowances of an FTE, however, must come from a single source (i.e., the organization from which the employee is assigned or detailed).

- f. Coordination. Offices utilizing or considering a short-term (temporary duty) personnel presence overseas must coordinate with the OPAB prior to sending personnel overseas such that:
 - (1) the OPAB is able to maintain for the Department an accurate and up-to-date listing of all DOE personnel assigned overseas at all times;
 - (2) all Department of State and Department of Defense requirements are fully met prior to departure, especially those related to security and medical preparation; and
 - (3) all personnel assigned overseas are properly trained, funded, and provided with appropriate entitlements.

 - g. Information Resources.
 - (1) The *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments* details the Department's interpretation of how Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSRs) apply to DOE employees and includes input from the CFO, program offices, the Office of Human Capital, and the NNSA Human Resources Office.
 - (2) All personnel assigned to overseas positions will be provided a copy of the *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments*.
 - (3) The Office of International Operations, as the action office for the OPAB, provides all mission and administrative guidance and instructions to DOE offices overseas, except for country clearance cables. Attaché reporting/commentary may be sent to the primary DOE office of interest, but must also be provided to the OPAB for transmission to other interested Departmental elements.
5. RESPONSIBILITIES.
- a. Office of the Secretary.
 - (1) Ensures that Departmental elements fully comply with U.S. Chief of Mission authority and NSDD 38 requirements as they relate to overseas personnel.
 - (2) Ensures a coordinated Departmental position with the Department of State, Department of Defense, and other U.S. Government agencies regarding the DOE Overseas Presence.

b. Overseas Presence Management Council (OPMC).

- (1) Determines DOE-wide policies governing the Department's overseas presence.
- (2) Advises the Secretary of Energy on issues related to the Department's Overseas Presence.
- (3) Reviews the Annual Report and Strategic Plan submitted by the Overseas Presence Advisory Board.
- (4) Reviews resource decisions associated with the Department's Overseas Presence.

c. Overseas Presence Advisory Board (OPAB).

- (1) Maintains a written charter.
- (2) Provides guidance to the DOE Office of Human Capital Management and the Office of International Operations to develop a common corporate methodology for managing the Department's Overseas Presence.
- (3) Develops a corporate training methodology for the DOE Overseas Corps, which may be extended to include employees of other U.S. Government agencies working energy issues.
- (4) Meets at least quarterly.
- (5) Provides oversight on both management and operational issues concerning the Department's Overseas Presence.
- (6) Develops and disseminates DOE, including NNSA, policies and responsibilities for the DOE Overseas Presence.
- (7) Manages all operational aspects of the DOE Overseas Presence.
- (8) Reviews an annual report (prepared by the Office of International Operations) to the DOE Overseas Presence Management Council (OPMC).
- (9) Prepares a five-year strategic plan describing future staffing levels.
- (10) Coordinates short-term (at least 30-day) temporary duty personnel assignments overseas.

- (11) Coordinates distribution of attaché reporting/commentary to the appropriate program offices.

d. Heads of Departmental Elements.

- (1) Ensure that all requirements for overseas representation are fully coordinated with the OPAB prior to any discussion of such assignments with other Government agencies or prospective assignees.
- (2) Actively support an open, fair, equitable process for selecting highly qualified personnel to represent the Secretary of Energy and the Department overseas.
- (3) Support employees willing to serve in overseas assignments to the maximum extent possible.
- (4) Participate in or send an authorized delegate to participate in the OPAB.
- (5) Provide broad programmatic information to the OPAB for use in determining future locations and resource requirements.
- (6) Coordinate with the OPAB prior to sending personnel overseas.
- (7) With the concurrence of the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer for non-NNSA elements and the Office of Human Capital Management Programs for NNSA-elements and the appropriate Office of the General Counsel, approve requests for employee assignments outside DOE. The authority to sign interagency Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), service agreements, and Letters of Consent may not be delegated below the deputy head of the element.
- (8) Provide return rights to their organizations upon approving assignments to DOE permanent positions abroad or transfers to international organizations.
- (9) Authorize home leave based on eligibility.
- (10) Authorize an advance in pay when requested.
- (11) Develop training plans for employees approved for overseas assignments.
- (12) Evaluate employee performance in overseas assignments.

- (13) Ensure that the selection and assignment processes meet or exceed all Office of Personnel Management standards for equality of opportunity and ethical conduct.
- (14) Formally announce and coordinate overseas vacancies for DOE and international organization positions with the OPAB.

e. Office of Human Capital Management.

- (1) Maintains the *DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments*.
- (2) Provides advice on human capital issues involving deployments.
- (3) Reviews all MOAs and MOUs involving overseas deployments for correct application of personnel policies.
- (4) Produce monthly reports tracking and listing DOE personnel worldwide for the OPAB.

f. Office of the General Counsel. Reviews all MOAs and MOUs for legal sufficiency. For NNSA elements, NNSA Office of the General Counsel shall review all MOAs and MOUs for legal sufficiency.

g. Contracting Officers.

- (1) After notification by the appropriate program official, incorporate the CRD into affected site/facility management contracts in accordance with the Laws, regulations and DOE directives clause (48 CFR 970.5204-2) of the contracts.
- (2) Assist procurement request originators who want to incorporate the requirements of the CRD of this Order in new non-site/facility management contracts, as appropriate.

6. DEFINITIONS.

- a. Overseas Presence. Representation of DOE interests abroad through the assignment of DOE employees to U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and international organizations to support Departmental programs and initiatives, including those in combination with other USG agencies or international organizations.
- b. DOE Overseas Corps. DOE employees assigned to DOE International Offices at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and at international organizations overseas.

- c. DOE International Office. A DOE office located in select U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions overseas, led by a senior DOE office director or attaché, and staffed by DOE officers. In some cases there may also be DOE-funded locally employed staff.
- d. Stakeholders. Departmental elements having significant mission stake in the deployment and maintenance of DOE expertise abroad and those offices with significant foreign travel subject to COM authority. To support their core mission interests overseas, stakeholders commit resources in the form of funding, positions (FTEs) and personnel to the DOE Overseas Corps. A stakeholder, or stakeholders, may directly sponsor one or more DOE positions abroad.

7. REFERENCES.

- a. DOE Handbook on Overseas Assignments (at http://humancapital.doe.gov/resources/DOE_HANDBOOK_ON_OVERSEAS_ASSIGNMENTS.pdf).
- b. Department of State Standardized Regulations (at http://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=231&menu_id=92).
- c. Department of State's (DOS's) Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM), Volume 3 - Personnel, Chapter 1900, Medical and Health Program, which describes the DOS medical clearance process and services available to DOE employees overseas; Chapter 4800, Department Awards Program, which describes the awards program that affects local (overseas) personnel; and Chapters 7000, Foreign Service National Personnel, and 8000, Overseas Employment Program, which pertain to local (overseas) personnel, including those hired under Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) authority (see also 3 Foreign Affairs Handbook (FAH) - 1 and 2 regarding local personnel, including the awards program for local personnel) (at <http://foia.state.gov/Famdir/fam/fam.asp>).
- d. National Security Decision Directive 38 (at <http://www.state.gov/m/pri/nsdd/>).
- e. The DOE Strategic Plan (at <http://www.energy.gov/about/strategicplan.htm>).
- f. Title 22 United States Code, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.
- g. Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 352, Subpart C, which covers details and transfers to international organizations.
- h. 5 CFR Part 630, Subpart F, Home Leave, which describes the entitlement to home leave.
- i. 41 CFR Chapters 300-304, which describes travel and transportation allowances for travel to and from overseas locations.

- j. DOE O 551.1C, *Official Foreign Travel*, dated 6-24-08, which describes the requirements and responsibilities governing official foreign travel by Federal employees.
 - k. DOE O 552.1A, *Travel Policy and Procedures*, dated 2-17-06, and DOE M 552.1-1A, *U.S. Department of Energy Travel Manual*, dated 2-17-06, which supplements the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) and describes the DOE travel policies and procedures.
8. CONTACT. Questions concerning this Order should be addressed to the Office of International Operations at 202-586-1366.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY:



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CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT
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Regardless of the performer of the work, the contractor is responsible for complying with the requirements of this CRD. The contractor is responsible for flowing down the requirements of this CRD to subcontractors at any tier to the extent necessary to ensure the contractor's compliance with the requirements.

This CRD establishes the requirements for Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) contractors whose contracts involve establishing a Departmental presence overseas, or involve placement of an employee overseas to represent the Department at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and international organizations for a period of 30 days or more.

This CRD does not cover temporary duty travel overseas for durations of less than 30 days. Such temporary duty is covered by the CRD associated with DOE O 551.1C, *Official Foreign Travel*, dated 6-24-08.

The DOE Overseas Presence exists to support DOE strategic goals and the program and staff offices that implement these goals. Accordingly, programmatic requirements drive decisions about the location and staff composition of the overseas offices. Offices may be established in U.S. embassies, at U.S. military combatant commander headquarters, and at international organizations. DOE and NNSA contractors whose contracts involve establishing a Departmental presence overseas, or involve placement of an employee overseas for a period of 30 days or more, are responsible for the conduct and actions of their employees.

With respect to the Department's presence in U.S. embassies, this Overseas Presence is organized and managed to fully support Title 22 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3927, section 207 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, (P.L. 96-465) and the National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 38 dated June 2, 1982, which gives the Chief of Mission (COM) control of the size, composition, and mandate of overseas full-time mission staffing for all U.S. Government agencies when their overseas positions fall under COM authority. DOE contractors who serve overseas in a U.S. embassy will be subject to receiving tasks and assignments consistent with their duties directly from the COM.

Given the challenging foreign environment in which DOE and NNSA contractors are expected to perform, and the significant support and resource commitments involved, sponsoring offices have a responsibility to work closely with contractors to ensure that only highly qualified individuals who are best suited for overseas assignments are selected. Those assigned overseas are expected to possess the specialized mission expertise that their sponsoring offices deem essential for program mission success.

Contractors assigned to DOE overseas offices at U.S. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions, military commands, and international organizations will participate in bi-weekly teleconferences organized by the Office of International Operations, the intent of which

is to share information on successes, challenges and best business practices with all Department offices overseas. Monthly office activity reports which are responsive to DOE-wide information requirements, and provide a “field perspective” to DOE analysis and policy, are also required of all overseas offices.