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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System Guidance on Pay Pools, Awards, and Reporting of Results for Non-Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service and Non-Defense Intelligence Senior Level Positions

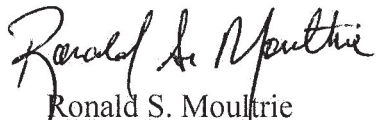
This memorandum provides guidance on Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funding levels for Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) pay pools and awards as well as reporting of results for non-Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service (DISES) and non-Defense Intelligence Senior Level (DISL) positions. Defense Intelligence components should continue to plan awards spending at a level not less than one-percent greater than FY 2020 awards spending. This amount should generally be not less than 2.5 percent of aggregate non-executive salaries for individual monetary awards. Components should ensure meaningful distinctions are reflected between rating levels. Higher relative performance within a rating level should result in higher total annual performance-based compensation.

On October 6, 2023, the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness approved an exception to policy to allow Heads of Department of Defense Components with DCIPS positions (Components) to suspend annual performance bonus payments for the FY 2023 performance period due to planned phased implementation of a new performance management recognition system based on lessons of the National Security Agency Talent, Evaluation and Advancement pilot. This exception to policy authorizes Components to shift from end-of-year performance bonuses to individual and team lump-sum monetary awards in support of timely recognition of impactful performance results, pending publication of new policy during FY 2024. As a result of the movement to timely performance recognition, all Components will use 100 percent of their budget towards lump sum monetary awards during FY 2024. These Components should plan for their awards spending to be no less than 2.5 percent of the aggregate salaries for their non- DISES/DISL employees. Components are encouraged to reexamine, and adjust as appropriate, the balance between rating-based awards and individual contribution awards (e.g., spot awards) as we continue to transition to the new DCIPS Performance Development System.

Please report your plans for allocation of your FY 2024 awards budget to the Director, Human Capital Management Office (HCMO), no later than 10 business days from the date of signature of this memorandum. Additionally, base-pay salary increases (DCIPS Quality Increase and Sustained Quality Increase) monetary awards remain subject to annual reporting to the Director, HCMO, for oversight. A report on all monetary awards, including base-pay salary increase awards during FY 2023, must be forwarded by Friday, January 5, 2024.

This awards spending guidance is subject to any internal Component-established budgetary limitations. The first attachment, "DCIPS Guidance on Awards for Fiscal Year 2024,"

and the second attachment, "Template for Performance Evaluation & Pay Pool Results," provide additional information for conducting DCIPS pay pools, and reporting your monetary awards to HCMO. Please note the Friday, January 5, 2024, suspense and ensure timely response. For further information, please contact Ms. Christine Juda at (703) 692-3765, or via email at Christine.m.juda.civ@mail.mil.



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Attachments:

Tab A - DCIPS Guidance on Awards for Fiscal Year 2024

Tab B - Template for Performance Evaluation & Pay Pool Results

cc:

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Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army

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Director of Intelligence for Support, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy

Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security

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TAB A

Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) Guidance on Awards for Fiscal Year 2024

This document provides specific guidance on awards spending for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Heads of DoD Components with DCIPS positions (“Components”) will apply the guidance set out below, consistent with DoD Instruction 1400.25, Volume 2008, “DoD Civilian Personnel Management System: Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) Awards and Recognition,” (“DCIPS Volume 2008”) and DoD Instruction 1400.25, Volume 2012, “DoD Civilian Personnel Management System: Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) Performance Based Compensation” (“DCIPS Volume 2012”).

Compliance with Merit System Principles

- All decisions on awards (including base-pay increase monetary awards) will be conducted in accordance with the Merit System Principles in title 5, U.S. Code. Forced distributions and quotas are not permitted.

Funding Levels for DCIPS Awards

- FY 2024 spending on cash awards for non-executive employees shall be not less than 2.5 percent of the sum of the Component’s non-Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service and non-Defense Intelligence Senior Level aggregate salaries (base pay plus local market supplement, targeted local market supplement, and/or special salary rate supplement/field adjustment) at the end of FY 2023.
- On October 6, 2023, the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness approved an exception to policy to allow Components to suspend annual performance bonus payments for the FY 2023 performance period due to planned phased implementation of a new performance management recognition system based on lessons of the National Security Agency Talent, Evaluation and Advancement pilot. All Component Heads will suspend FY 2023 annual performance bonuses and use 100 percent of the Component’s 2.5 percent budget towards lump sum monetary awards during FY 2024.
- Component Heads are encouraged to re-examine, and adjust as appropriate, the balance between rating-based awards and individual contribution awards (e.g., spot awards) as we continue to migrate toward the potential adoption of the National Security Agency Talent, Evaluation, and Advancement pilot lessons.
- Base-pay increase monetary awards, such as DCIPS Quality Increases (DQIs) and Sustained Quality Increases (SQIs), do not count against the bonus funding percentage and are excluded from the 2.5 percent on bonuses and awards.

Base-Pay Increase Monetary Awards

- Components other than the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency may, at the discretion of the Component Head, award DQIs and SQIs during the pay pool process. Components are advised to consult DCIPS Volume 2008 for complete rules related to these awards.
- Components that elect to award DQIs and/or SQIs during the pay pool process are not precluded from making such awards at other times throughout the year, subject to budget constraints and other award limitations contained in this guidance.

- Receipt of a DQI or SQI does not preclude an employee from receiving other forms of recognition provided for in DCIPS Volume 2008 or DCIPS Volume 2012, including but not limited to, non-monetary awards, lump-sum monetary awards, and time-off awards. However, Components may apply Component-specific caps or restrictions pertaining to these awards.
- DQIs and SQIs are the only means by which an employee covered by DCIPS may move into the extended pay range (steps 11 to 12). In cases in which the award of a full DQI or SQI would result in a salary not aligned to the Step 11, 12, or in excess of the range maximum, a partial award may be given to set the employee's salary up to the range maximum.
- Under no circumstances may an employee's basic pay (base pay plus local market supplement, targeted local market supplement, or special salary rate supplement) be increased to exceed the statutory limitation of the Level IV rate of the Executive Schedule.

Reporting Monetary Awards and Incentives

- Components will report spending on monetary awards granted outside of the pay pool process to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security Human Capital Management Office (HCMO) to support tracking of Component spending against previous years' spending and DoD budgetary guidance. Components that do not utilize DCPDS will be provided a worksheet, via JWICS, to complete and return to HCMO no later than Friday, January 5, 2024.
- All Components will utilize attachment B to provide an aggregate report for their performance evaluation results. This report is also due to HCMO no later than Friday, January 5, 2024, and must contain records for all DCIPS employees through the last day of FY 2023.

Consideration of Employees Transferring Between DCIPS Components or Between Pay Pools within a DCIPS Component

- DCIPS employees who transfer to a new pay pool, including transfers where there are less than 90 days remaining in the annual performance evaluation period or after the end of the evaluation period will be considered for awards with the new pay pool to which they are assigned, unless the transfer was due to a joint duty rotation. The gaining organization will use the employee's FY 2023 DCIPS performance evaluation of record for its pay pool process.

Consistent with DCIPS Volume 2012, Enclosure 3, Paragraph 5.h., DCIPS employees detailed on a joint duty assignment (JDA) to another IC Component:

- With 90 days or less remaining in the performance cycle will be considered for awards by the employee's home element.
- With more than 90 days remaining in the performance cycle will be considered for awards (in accordance with Component practices) by the gaining element. The home element may consider the employee for an award according to DCIPS Volume 2008 for performance during the performance cycle prior to commencement of the JDA.

Upon receipt of the approval of a performance-based monetary award from the gaining element, the award should be paid by the home element in timely manner.

Further Information

- For questions related to this guidance, please contact Ms. Christine Juda at (703) 692-3765 or Christine.m.juda.civ@mail.mil

TAB B

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FY23 Reporting Template

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Aggregate Report for Employees

Overall Summary – FYXX Performance Cycle

	FY23
Total DCIPS Population	
Total Rated DCIPS Population	
Total Number of DQI Awards Given (1 Step)	
Total Number of SQI Awards Given (2 Step)	
% of Eligible Workforce Receiving a DQI/SQI	
Total # Cash Awards / % Workforce who Receiving Cash Awards in FY23	
Total # Time-off Awards / % of Workforce who Received a Time-Off Award in FY23	

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Aggregate Report for Employees

Overall Results by Special Characteristics – FYXX Performance Cycle

	Number of Employees	Average Amount of Cash Awards
Overall Workforce		
Employees in Developmental Programs		
Employees on Deployment		
Employees Away on Joint Duty Assignments		
Employees Hosted on Joint Duty Assignments		

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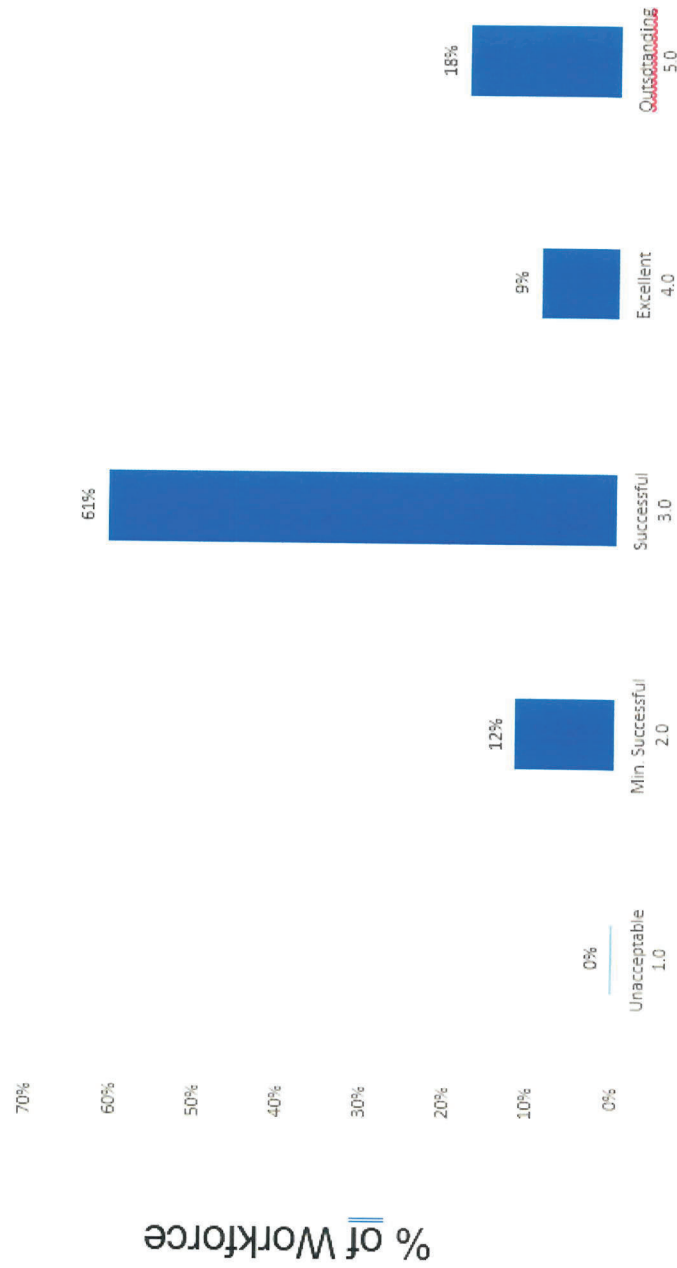
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Aggregate Report for Employees

Overall Performance Ratings – FY XX Performance Cycle



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Aggregate Report for Employees

Cash Award – FYXX Performance Cycle

- Range of Awards: \$x,xxx - \$x,xxx
- Mean Awards: \$x,xxx

