

Federal Personnel Guide 2012

Mandated Benefits Compliance Guide, 2012 Edition is a comprehensive and practical reference manual covering key federal regulatory issues that must be addressed by human resources managers, benefits specialists, and company executives in all industries. Mandated Benefits Compliance Guide includes in-depth coverage of these and other major federal regulations: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act (HEART Act) Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) Mandated Benefits Compliance Guide helps take the guesswork out of managing employee benefits and human resources by clearly and concisely describing the essential requirements and administrative processes necessary to comply with each regulation. the Guide offers suggestions for protecting employers against the most common litigation threats and recommendations for handling various types of employee problems. Throughout the Guide are numerous exhibits, useful checklists and forms, and do's and don'ts. A list of HR audit questions at the beginning of each chapter serves as an aid in evaluating your company's level of regulatory compliance. Plus, the 2012 Edition includes a BONUS CD-ROM which includes the many exhibits, checklists, and forms that are contained in the book. The 2012 Mandated Benefits Compliance Guide has been updated to include: A discussion on a new rule under the FLSA regarding tipped employees New regulations and guidelines for health care reform as mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act A discussion of when release of an employee's personal health information to the employer may be acceptable and new information on Excise Taxes for non-compliance to be reported on Form 8928 Information on Form 8928 Excise Taxes for non-compliance Information on: the IRS' proposed broadened definition of fiduciary to include anyone who provides a plan with investment advice; bonding requirements; and newly required fee disclosure to plans and participants New information on the final rules of the ADA, including the nine "rules of construction" that are used to determine if there is a "substantial limitation" A discussion on the safe harbor language an employer may use when requesting medical information to verify the need for FMLA leave The latest information on E-Verify, including the new U.S. passport photo matching capabilities of the program, and the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court allowing states New information on structuring severance plans where the payout spans two tax years in order to maintain exemption from Section 409A requirements A new section outlining additional requirements for federal contractors and subcontractors; DOL's proposed regulations for revising the AAP and non-discrimination requirements for veterans; recent changes to functional AAPs; new information on required compensation analyses; and a revised compliance evaluation section The new whistleblower protections under Sarbanes Oxley, as amended by the Dodd Frank Act of 2010, including the new financial award program available to whistleblowers New guidance on transitional relief for correcting nonqualified deferred compensation plan failures "DON'T GET MAD ABOUT OBAMAGEDDON...GET EVEN!" Build your wealth.Protect your faith and family.Secure your freedom. Don't just survive Obama...learn how to outsmart his big-government, socialist system and thrive! Bad times are coming -- how will you protect your family, save enough for retirement, and turn your home into a fortress? In The Ultimate Obama Survival Guide, Wayne Allyn Root provides the answer. First, he explains step by step what Obama has planned. Then, Root presents Y-PODS: Your Personal Obama Defense Shields - a detailed 18 point plan to protect your assets, capitalize, and PROSPER as the rest of the country treads water – or drowns! And that's just the beginning. Wayne Allyn Root is a passionate Capitalist Evangelist, serial entrepreneur, and small businessman extraordinaire. He knows what it takes to weather any economic storm. You're going to need Root's expertise as you and your family tackle the biggest challenge facing Americans today: Barack Obama's second term in the White House. Root takes you on a tour of the practical, real-life ways you can fight back and WIN, not just at the ballot box, but in your bank account, retirement account, safety deposit box, on your tax forms, at your church, in your home, your schools, and at your doctor's office. The Ultimate Obama Survival Guide also features exclusive advice from 18 superstars of business and finance - millionaires, billionaires, and managers of billion dollar hedge funds, who provide their specific plans for investing in precious metals, real estate, stocks, bonds, ETFs and more. What one investment decision made in 1913 turned \$1,000,000 into \$87,000,000? What investment decision outperformed Warren Buffet by 300% since 2000? What investment have central bankers around the world bought more of in the past year, than in all the years since 1964 COMBINED? Root provides the answers – along with detailed advice on the smart investments now, the best places to move to escape Obama's poisonous taxes, the best way to educate your children, survival advice on how to turn your home into a fortress, how to survive if the economy collapses and unrest threatens your family. If you are worried about what Obama has in store (and you should be) then arm yourself with Root's step-by-step instructions to protect yourself and your family RIGHT NOW from the Obama invasion of every aspect of your life.

Includes Part I of Executive Order 12674 (April 12, 1989) & 5 CFR Part 2635 Regulation (August 7, 1992). Covers: gifts from outside sources, gifts between employees, conflicting financial interests, impartiality in performing official duties, seeking other employment, misuse of position, & outside activities. Also includes related statutory authorities.

Government employees face enormous challenges today, including being stigmatized as underworked and overpaid. At the same time, they're being asked to solve some of our toughest problems including unemployment, security, poverty, and education. In Engaging Government Employees, Bob Lavigna gives managers the tools they need to leverage the talents of government's most important resource: its people. He shows them how to measure, nurture, and sustain the kind of authentic employee engagement that drives results. With over three decades of experience in public sector HR, he knows how to get team members passionate about the agency's mission, and committed to its success. Readers will learn: * Why a highly engaged staff is 20 percent more productive * How to get employees to deliver "discretionary effort" * How to assess the level of engagement * Why free pizza and Coke every Friday is not a viable strategy * And more Drawing on a wealth of empirical evidence, Engaging Government Employees rejects the typical, one-size-fits-all approach to motivation and shows how America's largest employer can apply the science of engagement to dramatically improve performance.

Federal Personnel Guide 2012 CSRS and FERS Handbook for Personnel and Payroll Offices 2012 FERS Retirement Planning Guide for Federal Employees & Retirees Federal Employees Legal Survival Guide How to Protect & Enforce Your Job Rights Fedweek Checkbook's 2012 Guide to Health Plans for Federal Employees 2012 CSRS Retirement Planning Guide for Federal Employees and Retirees Guide to Federal Benefits for Federal Civilian Employees Fed Savvy Tools and Tips to Maximize

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Stories of government management failures often make the headlines, but quietly much gets done as well. What makes the difference? Ira Goldstein offers wisdom about how to lead and succeed in the federal realm, even during periods when the political climate is intensely negative, based on his decades of experience as a senior executive at two major government consulting firms and as a member of the US federal government's Senior Executive Service. The Federal Management Playbook coaches the importance of always keeping four key concepts in mind when planning for success: goals, stakeholders, resources, and time frames. Its chapters address how to effectively motivate government employees, pick the right technologies, communicate and negotiate with powerful stakeholders, manage risks, get value from contractors, foster innovation, and more. Goldstein makes lessons easy to apply by breaking each chapter's plans into three strategic phases: create an offensive strategy, execute your plan effectively, and play a smart defense. Additional tips describe how career civil servants and political appointees can get the most from one another, advise consultants on providing value to government, and help everyone better manage ever-present oversight. The Federal Management Playbook is a must-read for anyone working in the government realm and for students who aspire to public service.

A handy practical guide to federal employee benefits for use by households looking to accomplish their personal finance and retirement goals. Each chapter also includes a section for private sector workers for comparison.

As Federal employees, we all have a range of responsibilities: to our families, loved ones, communities, and the American public. By preparing for emergencies, we can enhance the safety of our families and strengthen our ability to carry out our work. This guide was produced by the FEMA Office of National Capital Region Coordination to encourage Federal employees and the whole community in the Washington, D.C. area to take practical steps to better prepare ourselves and our families for emergencies that could threaten our homes, workplaces, and communities. Each day, you and other Federal employees provide an array of essential services. Your own personal readiness for natural, accidental, or intentional hazards is a key part of the Federal Government's ability to continue serving its citizens. Emergencies can happen at any time, without warning. Federal, State, local and non-governmental organizations are committed to helping people in need, but that assistance may be delayed during a large incident. You and your family should be ready for the unexpected and prepared to provide for yourselves. The best way to ensure your own safety and wellbeing is to take responsibility for your own emergency preparedness. Even if you do not have designed emergency duties, you may be expected to carry out your job functions in an emergency. Other conditions at your workplace or in your community also could make it difficult for you to get home right away. Your family should have plans and resources to take care of themselves in your absence. Fortunately, there are practical steps you can take now that can make a big difference in a wide range of emergencies – Be Informed! Make a Plan! Build a Kit!

Public management is context dependent, rather than generic. That may sound obvious, but in the late 1920s through the 1930s, a dominant strand of thought considered public administration to be a "single process," wherever practiced. Today by contrast, federal administration is distinguished from private enterprise, nonprofit management, and state and local governmental practices by the combined effects of its scope and scale; the constitutional separation of powers, federalism, and protection of individual rights; and administrative law requirements for stakeholder participation, representation, transparency, privacy, due process and other democratic-constitutional values. The Handbook of Federal Leadership and Administration is a state-of-the-art guide to the unique features of federal administration, informed by the latest theoretical developments, research, and practical applications, and the leadership and management of federal agencies. Written by "pracademics" with federal practitioners specifically in mind, the handbook is designed to bridge the gap between academic and applied public administration by identifying what resonates with practitioners as they search for usable theories and research findings to improve performance. Combining rigor and relevance in the study and practice of federal administration, it includes chapters on theory, history, reform initiatives, leadership, necessary skill sets, budgeting, power and influence, political embeddedness, change management, separated and shared executive, legislative, and judicial powers, effective communication, ethics, and emerging concepts and challenges. It will be essential reading for federal practitioners, scholars, and "pracademics" alike.

Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law is an encyclopedic treatise written by experts in the field, and provides general overviews to relevant information as well as in-depth study of specific areas within this complex area of federal law. This is an updated and revised edition of what has been referred to as the "bible" of federal Indian law. This publication focuses on the relationship between tribes, the states and the federal government within the context of civil and criminal jurisdiction, as well as areas of resource management and government structure. The 2012 Edition of Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law also includes coverage of: * Current topics such as Indian gaming and taxation * History and structure of tribal governments and tribal law * Tribal and individual Indian property rights, including intellectual property rights * Water rights * Hunting, fishing, and gathering rights * Economic development issues * Government programs This compact publication is the only comprehensive treatise explicating one of the most difficult areas of federal law. Used by judges as well as practitioners, this publication provides the tools to understand the law and to find relevant cases, statutes, regulations, and opinions critical to answering legal questions about federal Indian law. This updated edition remains the definitive guide to federal Indian law.

State by State Guide to Workplace Safety Regulation is an authoritative reference to help human resources professionals and workplace safety officers comply with state workplace safety laws and regulations. It emphasizes practical methods of developing and implementing workplace safety policies and offers guidance on how to ensure that the workplace is in compliance with state laws and regulations. The Guide organizes essential information in a ready reference form - information necessary to ensure compliance with workplace safety regulations applicable to a broad range of businesses. Charts make it easy to locate information concerning one state's treatment of a particular issue or to compare the treatment required by several different states - all on the same chart. Each chart also provides citations with which to access further information about such current concerns as: Required written safety plans Required emergency action plans Regulation of smoking in the workplace Elevator safety requirements Illumination levels required for different locations and tasks Safety equipment required for employees Employment of minors Drug testing requirements in various industries Whistle-blowing protections for employees Penalties for noncompliance and retaliation violations The 2012 Edition includes coverage of the following developments and requirements: OSHA's review of state plans and the resulting Enhanced Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (EFAME) Report Final rule on cranes and derricks in construction The proposed Protecting America's Workers Act (PAWA) Illinois OSH Public Employee Protection Plan receives federal approval DOL revises its child labor regulations U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on the accuracy of

employer injury and illness records OSHA's new Severe Violator Enforcement Program New OSHA education campaign to help reduce motor vehicle crashes involving employees Proposed state laws intended to counteract workplace bullying Coverage of federal and state laws that require employee meal breaks and rest periods (including time for nursing mothers to express breast milk) New state laws requiring the sale of "fire-safe" cigarettes only A new OSHA Safety and Health Instruction that details the agency's policies and procedures for inspecting workplaces that handle combustible dust

Complete Guide to Federal and State Garnishment provides much-needed clarity when the federal and state laws appear to conflict. You'll find plain-English explanations of the laws and how they interact, as well as the specific steps you and your staff need to take to respond to the order properly. Numerous detailed examples and mathematical calculations make it easy to apply the law under different scenarios. Written by Amorette Nelson Bryant, who was recently named the chair of both the APA GATF Child Support Subcommittee and Garnishment Subcommittee, Complete Guide to Federal and State Garnishment brings the payroll professional up-to-date on the latest federal and state laws and regulations affecting this ever-changing area. It is your one-stop source for answers to critical questions, such as: Does the amount exempt from garnishment change when the minimum wage goes up? How do I determine the wages to which the garnishment applies? If an employee is subject to more than one garnishment, which has priority? Which state's rules do I use when I receive a child support order sent from another state? State or federal law - which applies for creditor garnishment and support? Are there alternatives to remitting withheld child support via EFT/EDI? How do I handle garnishments when employees are paid a draw against salary? The 2012 Edition of Complete Guide to Federal and State Garnishment brings the payroll professional up to date on the latest federal and state laws and regulations affecting this ever-changing area, including: What new requirement mandates your rejecting a child support order and returning it to the sender effective May 31, 2011 New required element for new-hire reporting What the federal Office of Child Support is working on to make your reporting of lump-sum payments easier Whether to include nonaccountable plan reimbursements paid to an employee as earnings for purposes of income withholding for child support Updated telephone numbers for bankruptcy courts Revised Income Withholding Order - and an explanation of its requirements Oregon withholding limit increase for arrears only support orders and lump sum payments Example of a profile form used to receive income withholding orders electronically Explanation of Oklahoma legislation passed in 2011 that clarifies the aggregation requirements when withholding for an attachment with priority and a garnishment Standard Verification of Employment response for child support agencies that was adopted by 22 states Updated information for implementation of Electronic Income Withholding Order and expanded communications capabilities When you must reject an income withholding order beginning May 31, 2012 Updated Oregon minimum exemption for garnishment and unique requirements for calculating pay period amount Lump-sum reporting requirements for West Virginia Update on an electronic National Medical Support Notice EFT/EDI support payment requirements for Iowa, North Dakota, and West Virginia Revised flowchart for electronic income withholding process for child support Increased minimum exemption amount for garnishment in Massachusetts Additional cautions and information regarding "voluntary wage assignments" to repay delinquent payday loans What to do if an employer receives a Kentucky Agreed Garnishment Order File your taxes with the help of a proven leader If you wish to personally prepare your 2012 federal tax return, but seek the guidance of a trusted name in this field, look no further than the Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013. Drawing from the tax experience and knowledge base of Ernst & Young professionals, this reliable resource not only covers how to file your federal income tax return but also provides valuable insights on how to avoid common errors and maximize your federal tax deductions. Designed in a straightforward and accessible style, the Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013 contains essential information that will help you save time and money as you prepare your 2012 federal tax return. Throughout the book, you'll find hundreds of examples illustrating how tax laws work, as well as sample tax forms and schedules to show you how to fill out your return line by line. Includes 50 of the most commonly overlooked deductions to take into account when preparing your return Provides specific solutions in its special contents index for taxpayers in particular circumstances, including families, homeowners, investors, entrepreneurs, senior citizens, and military personnel Contains an individual tax organizer, 2013 tax calendar, and a summary of expiring provisions Provides checklists of key 2012 tax breaks and deductions you may be eligible to use Comprehensive yet direct, the Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013 has everything you'll need to personally prepare your 2012 federal tax return.

The Complete Guide to Human Resources and the Law will help you navigate complex and potentially costly Human Resources issues. You'll know what to do (and what not to do) to avoid costly mistakes or oversights, confront HR problems - legally and effectively - and understand the rules. The Complete Guide to Human Resources and the Law offers fast, dependable, plain English legal guidance for HR-related situations from ADA accommodation, diversity training, and privacy issues to hiring and termination, employee benefit plans, compensation, and recordkeeping. It brings you the most up-to-date information as well as practical tips and checklists in a well-organized, easy-to-use resource. Previous Edition: Complete Guide to Human Resources and the Law, 2018 Edition ISBN 9781454899945

Discusses the nature of government jobs, civil service hiring procedures, types of jobs available, examinations, the application form, working abroad, and provisions for people with disabilities.

Recognizing the inherent tensions and contradictions that result from managing people in organizations, Human Resource Management in Public Service: Paradoxes, Processes, and Problems offers provocative and thorough coverage of the complex issues of management in the public sector. Continuing the award-winning tradition of previous editions, this Sixth Edition helps you to understand complex managerial puzzles and explores the stages of the employment process, including recruitment, selection, training, legal rights and responsibilities, compensation, and appraisal. Grounded in real public service experiences, the book emphasizes hands-on skill building and problem solving. New to the Sixth Edition: Ethics case studies have been added to all the chapters, enabling you to learn about a variety of ethical situations that come up in management. Updated and consolidated recruiting strategies offer you a window into the most current methods used in the recruitment process and provide insight into the job seeker's perspective. New examples from a broad range of local, state, federal, and international settings enable you to apply key concepts to common management issues.

Professional practice in the design and execution of employee survey programs has evolved tremendously over the past decade. Advances in technology and enthusiastic new interest in talent analytics have combined to create an exciting space with a good deal of innovation along methodological lines, matched by renewed interest in the strategic role of surveys and sensing for improving organizational effectiveness. Providing solid grounding in the basic issues of content development, interpreting results, and driving action, this book also addresses cutting-edge topics in the area of survey analytics (including applications of computational linguistics and artificial intelligence). Significant emphasis is given to ethical issues which are particularly salient given the zeitgeist for ensuring the protection of data and the privacy of survey respondents. The book is appropriate for use in advanced graduate level courses in survey research and will be a valuable shelf resource for survey practitioners whether trained formally in I-O psychology or other areas of organizational science.

The Complete Guide to Human Resources and the Law will help you navigate complex and potentially costly Human Resources issues. You'll know what to do (and what not to do) to avoid costly mistakes or oversights, confront HR problems - legally and effectively - and understand the rules. The Complete Guide to Human Resources and the Law offers fast, dependable, plain English legal guidance for HR-related situations from ADA accommodation, diversity training, and privacy issues to hiring and termination, employee benefit plans, compensation, and recordkeeping. It brings you the most up-to-date information as well as practical tips and checklists in a well-organized, easy-to-use resource. The 2010 Edition provides new and expanded coverage of issues such as: Discussion of the economic recovery measures under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 The PBGC flat-rate premium for single employer plans for 2009 is \$34/participant The requirement of distributing Summary Annual Reports to participants and beneficiaries has been replaced by the requirement of issuing annual funding notices for most benefit plans; DOL issued a model notice and FAQs for implementing the requirement Courts continued to develop standards under Metropolitan Life Insurance v. Glenn, 128 S. Ct. 2343 (2008), for reviewing claims decisions made by decision-makers (such as plan sponsors and insurers) that have a conflict of interest because they are responsible for paying whatever claims are allowed The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-3 (CHIPRA), intended to improve coordination between EGHPs and state Medicaid and SCHIP (coverage for uninsured children) plans, caused EGHP and cafeteria plans to be amended "Michellersquo;s Law, " Pub. L. 110-381, requires EGHPs to extend coverage to employees' dependent children who are covered as post-secondary students if they have to interrupt their studies for health-related reasons More states allowed same-sex couples to marry or have legally related domestic partnerships or civil unions - with implications for work-related benefit plans that cover "spouses. " The requirement of benefit parity between mental and physical illnesses was made permanent by EESA The HITECH Act (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health; part of ARRA) was enacted to strengthen the privacy and security rules under HIPAA, and to promote broader usage of electronic medical records. State Attorneys General now have the power to enforce HIPAA through suits in federal court. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (Pub. L. 111-2) was enacted. It increases the number of employment discrimination suits that can be brought by reversing the Supreme Court's decision that the timing rules for lawsuits begin when an allegedly discriminatory practice is adopted. The Supreme Court extended its string of pro-arbitration cases by ruling in 14 Penn Plaza LLC v. Pyett, 129 S. Ct. 1456 (4/1/09), that a collective bargaining agreement clause that clearly obligates union members to arbitrate ADEA claims is enforceable. The Supreme Court held that federal labor law preempts a California law that forbade employers that receive state contracts or other funding to discuss union matters with employees. As long as employers avoid coercion, federal law seeks to promote wide-open debate on labor issues: Chamber of Commerce v. Brown, 128 S. Ct. 2408 (2008). Another Supreme Court ruling discussed allows unions to charge non-members who pay agency fees in lieu of joining the union amounts representing certain expenses of national litigation: Locke

A comprehensive guide to landing one of the hundreds of thousands of jobs filled each year by the nation's largest employerOC the U.S. government."

An updated edition of the first-ever consumer guide to whistleblowing by the nation's leading whistleblower attorney The newest edition of The Whistleblower's Handbook brings the most comprehensive and authoritative guide to exposing workplace wrongdoing up-to-date with new information on wildlife whistleblowing, auto safety whistleblowing, national security whistleblowing, and ocean pollution whistleblowing. It also includes a new "Toolkit" for international whistleblowers. This essential guide explains nearly all federal and state laws regarding whistleblowing, and in the step-by-step bulk of the book, presents more than twenty must-follow rules for whistleblowers—from finding the best federal and state laws to the dangers of blindly trusting internal corporate "hotlines" to obtaining the proof you need to win the case.

Are your federal benefits at risk? Are we at the point of every man/woman for themselves? FedSavvy will take you through the complexities of the federal retirement system so that you can make informed decisions about your financial future. Federal Employees have some great benefits, however, going through the maze to figure out if you are taking advantage of them can sometimes be complicated. At present, most federal employees are feeling threatened because the Congressional Budget Office is dangling a knife over their benefits. Build a meaningful and profitable retirement profile, by understanding:

- How to calculate your CSRS and FERS pension
- Documents you will need to have
- The best dates to retire
- Credit for unused sick leave and annual leave
- How does Social Security affect the CSRS annuity
- VCP - the best benefit for CSRS and CSRS Offset
- How to not only save but allocate your funds in the Thrift Savings Plan
- Sequential Income Planning with TSP
- Magic Numbers for TSP
- An understanding of the Federal Insurance Programs: FEHB, FEGLI, and FLTCIP

This highly useful reference outlines best practices in key areas of human resources that are not only fair and equitable, but that can withstand legal scrutiny. Industrial/organizational experts apply their empirical knowledge and practical experience to aspects of HR that are commonly litigated, including broad and specific topics in testing of potential employees, disability issues, compensation and pay equity, and work hours. The book is written to be accessible to readers currently in HR-related graduate-level training as well as HR practitioners with or without background in industrial/organizational psychology. And to add to its utility, chapters feature practical strategies for addressing each of the legal issues presented. Among the topics covered: Measuring adverse impact in employee selection decisions. Using background checks in the employee selection process. Disabilities: best practices for vulnerabilities associated with the ADA. Physical abilities testing. Wage and hour litigation. Clinical psychological testing for employee selection. Conducting compensation equity analyses. Practitioner's Guide to Legal Issues in Organizations brings clear, up-to-date information to graduate students studying human resources, management, industrial/organizational psychology who are interested in legal issues, as well as applied HR practitioners such as industrial/organizational psychologists, human resources generalists, management and labor economists.

The Federal Regulatory Directory, Eighteenth Edition continues to offer a clear path through the maze of complex federal agencies and regulations, providing to-the-point analysis of regulations. Information-packed profiles of more than 100 federal agencies and departments detail the history, structure, purpose, actions, and key contacts for every regulatory agency in the U.S. government. Now updated with an improved searching structure, the Federal Regulatory Directory continues to be the leading reference for understanding federal regulations, providing a richer, more targeted exploration than is possible by cobbling together electronic and print sources.

Taxpayers deserve the very best from public services, and first-rate public services can only be provided by outstanding government workers. Federal human resource managers face the challenge of attracting and retaining high-caliber individuals within the constraints of ever-tightening budgets and often-conflicting political directives. From a talent management perspective, *Optimizing Talent in the Federal Workforce* explores:

- Best practices for recruiting and selecting employees
- Proven methods for developing and training employees
- Optimal deployment and placement processes.

This text is a must-read for anyone in or working toward a government management position.

This guide is intended to promote the effectiveness of FEMA incident operations by standardizing the incident action planning process. The guide explains the ICS incident action planning process, describes how FEMA applies it on all FEMA incidents, defines the specific roles and responsibilities of the various players, and establishes standards for incident action planning on FEMA incidents. This guide also communicates to FEMA's partners the details of how the agency conducts the incident action planning process. This guide is also intended to serve as a reference for incident personnel and to provide the basis for FEMA incident action planning staffing and exercising. Finally, this guide informs the required training, position task books, and development of courses for the positions of the FEMA Qualification System. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) primary mission is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the Nation from all hazards. When FEMA becomes involved in an incident, it is because the scope and scale of the incident necessitates Federal assistance. When FEMA is engaged, officials from the State and local government are also involved along with nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), elements of the private sector, and—more than likely—other Federal departments and agencies. Ensuring that the efforts of all players are coordinated and synchronized to achieve the best results is the job of incident management. It is also the reason that the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System (ICS) exist. The incident action planning process provides a tool to synchronize operations at the incident level and ensures that incident operations are conducted in support of incident objectives. The iterative incident action planning process provides FEMA and all interagency partners involved in incident management operations the primary tool for managing incidents. A disciplined system of planning phases and collaboration sessions fosters partnerships and clearly focuses incident operations. Because incidents in which FEMA is engaged are complex and intergovernmental and interagency, applying the incident action planning process accurately, consistently, and completely is essential to the success of incident operations. Disciplined application of the incident action planning process produces positive effects on incidents of all size and scope and maintains the otherwise perishable planning skills of FEMA personnel. While the process described in this guide outlines how FEMA as a part of the whole community executes incident action planning, those involved in a FEMA response and recovery must recognize that it will, in all probability, not be the only incident action planning process being executed. For example, local and municipal organizations may develop IAPs to guide the actions of first responders. For a catastrophic incident there may be hundreds of concurrent incident action planning efforts taking place simultaneously. The joint IAP that State and Federal incident management personnel develop must support all local IAPs and synchronize those at the State and Federal level.

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Using the unique legal authority delegated by thousands of laws, the ability to issue executive orders, and the capacity to shape how federal agencies write and enforce rules, the president calls the shots as to how the government is run on a daily basis. Modern presidents have, for example, used the power of the purchaser to require federal contractors to pay a minimum wage and to prohibit contracting with companies and contractors that knowingly employ unauthorized alien workers. Presidents and their staffs use specific tools, including executive orders and memoranda to agency heads, as instruments of control and influence over the government and the private sector. For more than a century, they have used these tools without violating the separation of powers. Calling the Shots demonstrates how each of these executive powers is a powerful weapon of coercion and redistribution in the president's political and policymaking arsenal.

State by State Guide to Human Resources Law is the most comprehensive, authoritative guide to the employment laws of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It is designed to provide quick access to each state's laws on the expanding number of issues and concerns facing business executives and their advisors - the professionals in HR, compensation, and employee benefits who work in multijurisdictional environments. Useful, time-saving features provided throughout State by State Guide to Human Resources Law include: Concise overviews of each topical area Dozens of at-a-glance tables summarizing the law in each state and how it applies to specific situations Citations to Authority with reference to court cases and state statutes giving you immediate access to original source And more! State by State Guide to Human Resources Law has been updated to include: Coverage of private sector employment discrimination charges filed with the EEOC during FY 2011, with a breakdown by type of discrimination alleged Discussion of recent federal legislation that continues through 2012 many important provisions of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 Coverage of recent developments in workplace violence prevention, including proposed anti-bullying legislation and enacted "guns-at-work" statutes in several states Examination of proposed federal and state legislation that would prohibit discrimination against the unemployed in hiring Coverage of recent state and federal legislative efforts to prohibit employers from requiring employees and job applicants to disclose their passwords to social media and private email accounts as a condition of employment In-depth examination of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and recent federal court challenges on the constitutionality of PPACA Analysis of recent Supreme Court decisions, including a class action alleging widespread sex discrimination by the nation's largest retailer (Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes), a case involving the Legal Arizona Workers' Act (Chamber of Commerce of U.S. v. Whiting), and a case brought under the USERRA involving the "cat's paw" theory of liability (Staub v. Proctor Hospital) Discussion of federal and state immigration reform and enforcement initiatives, including the completely redesigned Web interface for E-Verify launched by the USCIS after a year-long overhaul, controversial legislation enacted in Arizona authorizing law enforcement personnel to check a stopped or detained person's immigration/citizenship status, and recent stringent measures to counteract illegal immigrant hiring adopted in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina, and Utah Examination of recent federal and state efforts to address the problem of employee/independent contractor misclassification An updated discussion of legislative and judicial developments regarding same-sex unions and domestic partner benefits Analysis of recent state employment law cases in which the courts followed or declined to follow EEOC guidelines or federal judicial interpretations of federal employment discrimination laws Completely updated and revised tables covering state workers' compensation laws A revised table of frequently consulted human resources law numbers which allows you to determine at a glance what the most recent basic requirements are for minimum wage, overtime, unemployment, and disability insurance

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