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Subpart A—General Provisions**§ 410.101 Definitions.**

In this part:

(a) *Agency*, *employee*, *Government*, *Government facility*, and *non-Government facility* have the meanings given these terms in section 4101 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) Exceptions to organizations and employees covered by this subpart include:

(1) Those named in section 4102 of title 5, United States Code, and

(2) The U.S. Postal Service and Postal Rate Commission and their employees, as provided in Pub. L. 91-375, enacted August 12, 1970.

(c) *Training* has the meaning given to the term in section 4101 of title 5, United States Code.

(d) *Mission-related training* is training that supports agency goals by improving organizational performance at any appropriate level in the agency, as determined by the head of the agency. This includes training that:

(1) Supports the agency's strategic plan and performance objectives;

(2) Improves an employee's current job performance;

(3) Allows for expansion or enhancement of an employee's current job;

(4) Enables an employee to perform needed or potentially needed duties outside the current job at the same level of responsibility; or

(5) Meets organizational needs in response to human resource plans and re-engineering, downsizing, restructuring, and/or program changes.

(e) *Retraining* means training and development provided to address an individual's skills obsolescence in the current position and/or training and development to prepare an individual for a different occupation, in the same agency, in another Government agency, or in the private sector.

(f) *Continued service agreement* has the meaning given to service agreements in section 4108 of title 5, United States Code.

(g) *Interagency training* means training provided by one agency for other agencies or shared by two or more agencies.

(h) *State and local government* have the meanings given to these terms by

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section 4762 of title 42, United States Code.

(i) *Established contact hours* are the number of academic credit hours assigned to a course(s) times the number of weeks in a term times the number of terms required to complete the degree.

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Subpart B—Planning and Evaluating Training

§ 410.201 Responsibilities of the head of an agency.

Agency employee development plans and programs should be designed to build or support an agency workforce capable of achieving agency mission and performance goals and facilitating continuous improvement of employee and organizational performance. In developing strategies to train employees, heads of agencies or their designee(s), under section 4103 of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Order 11348, are required to:

(a) Establish, budget for, operate, maintain, and evaluate plans and programs for training agency employees by, in, and through Government or non-Government facilities, as appropriate;

(b) Establish policies governing employee training, including a statement of the alignment of employee training and development with agency strategic plans, the assignment of responsibility to ensure the training goals are achieved, and the delegation of training approval authority to the lowest appropriate level;

(c) Establish priorities for training employees and allocate resources according to those priorities; and

(d) Develop and maintain plans and programs that:

(1) Identify mission-critical occupations and competencies;

(2) Identify workforce competency gaps;

(3) Include strategies for closing competency gaps; and

(4) Assess periodically, but not less often than annually, the overall agency talent management program to identify training needs within the agency

as required by section 303 of Executive Order 11348.

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§ 410.202 Responsibilities for evaluating training.

Agencies must evaluate their training programs annually to determine how well such plans and programs contribute to mission accomplishment and meet organizational performance goals.

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§ 410.203 Options for developing employees.

Agencies may use a full range of options to meet their mission-related organizational and employee development needs, such as classroom training, on-the-job training, technology-based training, satellite training, employees' self-development activities, coaching, mentoring, career development counseling, details, rotational assignments, cross training, and developmental activities at retreats and conferences.

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Subpart C—Establishing and Implementing Training Programs

§ 410.301 Scope and general conduct of training programs.

(a) *Authority*. The requirements for establishing training programs and plans are found in section 4103(a) of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Order 11348.

(b) *Alignment with other human resource functions*. Training programs established by agencies under chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, should be integrated with other personnel management and operating activities, under administrative agreements as appropriate, to the maximum possible extent.

§ 410.302 Responsibilities of the head of an agency.

(a) *Specific responsibilities*. (1) The head of each agency shall prescribe procedures as are necessary to ensure that the selection of employees for