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Geographic pay differentials received in 1997 shall be included for the development of in-house personnel costs. The above pay raise factors shall be applied after consideration is given to the geographic pay differentials. The pay raise factors provided for 1998 and beyond shall be applied to all employees, with no assumption being made as to how they will be distributed between possible locality and ECI-based increases.

These updates are effective as follows: all changes in the Transmittal Memorandum are effective immediately and shall apply to all cost comparisons in process where the Government's in-house cost estimate has not been publicly revealed before this date.

Agencies are reminded that OMB Circular No. A-76, Transmittal Memorandum 1 through Transmittal Memorandum 14 are canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 15 provided the Revised Supplemental Handbook, and is dated March 27, 1997 (Federal Register, April 1, 1996, pages 14338-14346). Transmittal Memorandum No. 16, which provided last year's OMB Circular A-76 Federal pay raise and inflation factor assumptions is also hereby canceled.

Sincerely,
 Franklin D. Raines,
Director.
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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Issuance of Transmittal Memorandum No. 17, Amending OMB Circular No. A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities"

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: This notice contains Transmittal Memorandum No. 17, to OMB Circular No. A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities."

This Transmittal Memorandum updates the Federal pay raise assumptions and inflation factors used for computing the Government's in-house personnel and non-pay costs for Fiscal Years 1997 through 2003. The Federal pay raise assumptions and the non-pay category rates are, generally, contained in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998. The factors contained in OMB Circular No. A-76, Transmittal Memorandum No. 16 are outdated. It should not be assumed that these civilian pay raises will be those that will be in effect for preparation of the FY 1999 Budget. Guidance on pay raise assumptions to use for the FY 1999 Budget will be issued to agencies prior to the Budget submission date.

The revision does not require any agency to (1) create or maintain a duplicate control/monitoring/reporting system or (2) adopt any additional controls, not presently in compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

Agencies are reminded that OMB Circular No. A-76, Transmittal Memoranda 1 through 14 are canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 15 provided the Revised Supplemental Handbook, dated March 1996 (Federal Register, April 1, 1996, pages 14338-14346).

DATES: As with previous OMB Circular A-76 Transmittals, the provisions of Transmittal Memorandum No. 17 are effective immediately and shall apply to all cost comparisons in progress that have not yet undergone bid opening or where the in-house bid has not yet otherwise been revealed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Childs, Budget Analysis and Systems Division, NEOB Room 6002,

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 February 13, 1997.

Circular No. A-76 (Revised)
 Transmittal Memorandum No. 17
 To the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies
 Subject: Performance of Commercial Activities

This Transmittal Memorandum updates the Federal pay raise assumptions and inflation factors used for the computing the Government's in-house personnel and non-pay costs, as generally provided in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998. However, because the 1998 Budget did not specify 1999-2003 pay raises for civilian employees, *for purposes of A-76 cost comparison determinations only*, the civilian pay raise percentages for 1999-2003 shall be assumed to be the same as the military pay raise assumptions for the corresponding years as shown below. It should *not* be assumed that these civilian pay raises will be those that will be in effect for preparation of the FY 1999 Budget. Guidance on pay raise assumptions to use for the FY 1999 Budget will be issued to agencies prior to the Budget submission date.

Similarly, the non-pay inflation factors are for purposes of A-76 cost comparison determinations only. They reflect the generic non-pay inflation assumptions used to develop the FY 1998 Budget baseline estimates required by law. The law requires that a specific inflation factor (GNP fixed-weight FY/FY index) be used for this purpose. These inflation factors should not be viewed as estimates of expected inflation rates for major long-term procurement items or as an estimate of inflation for any particular agency's non-pay purchases mix.

The following factors should be applied per paragraph B, pages 19-21 of the OMB Circular A-76 Revised Supplemental Handbook (March 1996).

Federal pay raise assumptions effective date	Military/civilian
January 1998	2.8
January 1999	3.0
January 2000	3.0
January 2001	3.0
January 2002	3.0
January 2003	3.0

Non-Pay Categories (Supplies and Equipment, etc.)

FY 1996	2.2
FY 1997	2.5
FY 1998	2.6
FY 1999	2.6
FY 2000	2.6
FY 2001	2.6

POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 3, 1997; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 1997; and 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

PLACE: Washington, D.C., U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: March 3 (Closed); March 4 (Open); March 5 (Closed).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, March 3 - 10:30 a.m. (Closed)

1. Inspector General Functions.
2. Postal Rate Commission Docket No. C96-1, Pack & Send.
3. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision on Special Services.
4. Exercising the Board's Reserved Approval Authority with Respect to Performance of a Prototype for the Tray Management System.
5. Contingency Planning.
6. Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, March 4 - 8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, February 3-4, 1997.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.