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**INTRODUCTION**

This Section (Section D) governs the pay of limited term employees (LTEs) in the classified and unclassified service. Provisions contained in this Section (Section D) include beginning base pay rates, base pay rate adjustments, overtime, supplemental pay, and health insurance and retirement contributions for eligible participating LTEs. The alphabetical listing of LTE class titles and maximum (Not To Exceed -- "NTE") pay rates for limited term employment pay schedule 18 is also included.

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### **1.00 Coverage**

The provisions of this Section (Section D) govern the compensation of all LTEs in the classified service and, pursuant to s. 230.12(1)(a)1.b., Wis. Stats., employees with comparable status in the unclassified service. LTEs are employed in positions in either the classified or unclassified service that meet the respective definition under 1.01 or 1.02 below.

#### **1.01 Classified Service**

An LTE appointment is employment in the classified service in which the nature and conditions do not permit attainment of permanent status in class, for which the use of normal procedures for recruitment and examination are not practicable, and is not project employment.

#### **1.02 Unclassified Service**

An LTE appointment is employment in the unclassified service in which the employee would have been considered an LTE, had employment been in the classified service.

See also s. 230.26, Wis. Stats., and Chapter ER 10, Wis. Adm. Code.

### **2.00 Beginning Base Pay Rates for Limited Term Appointments**

LTEs must be paid at least the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater, unless a lower wage is authorized pursuant to Section 14 of the Fair Labor Standards Act. In addition, the following provisions apply:

#### **2.01 Limited Term Appointments in the Classified Service**

- (1) LTE appointments to positions allocated to LTE class titles in pay schedule 18.
  - (a) Base pay rates shall not exceed the limits specified in the chart found in 6.00 of this Section (Section D) for the LTE class title. In those cases where no specific rate is listed, base pay rates, generally, shall not exceed the rate paid for similar types of services provided on a permanent basis.
  - (b) The listed "Not to Exceed" rates shall not be considered the appropriate rate of pay for all appointments to a particular LTE class. Rates for appointments may be set by the appointing authority at up to the rate indicated in the chart found in 6.00 of this Section (Section D), based on the nature of the work to be performed and the prevailing pay practices where the positions are located.

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- (c) For classes where the pay limitation is identified as "usual and customary fee," documentation should be retained by the appointing authority as to how the specific amount was determined.
- (2) LTE appointments to positions allocated to classifications used for permanent positions.
- (a) When the work to be performed by an LTE is not identified by an LTE class title listed in pay schedule 18, the most appropriate classification to which permanent positions are assigned should be used for the LTE position.
  - (b) LTEs are eligible to be paid up to the minimum of the pay range for the applicable classification to which permanent positions are assigned except that:
    - 1. The base pay rate shall be below the applicable pay range minimum if the employee is designated as a "trainee" for one or more of the following reasons.
      - a. The LTE employment involves either formal or informal training beyond that normally provided to a newly appointed worker.
      - b. The knowledge, skills and/or abilities of the employee are lower than those normally required of an employee in the classification.
      - c. The duties and responsibilities assigned to the LTE are fewer and/or less complex than those normally assigned to a permanent employee in the same classification and there is no lower level permanent classification that is applicable.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to formally designate an LTE position as "trainee" to be able to pay below the minimum of the pay range. However, appointing authorities should apply consistent pay standards when determining the pay for incumbents of LTE positions deemed to be "trainee" in nature.

- 2. Under certain limited circumstances, the base pay rate may be above the pay range minimum of the applicable permanent classification. If any of the following conditions are met, the appointing authority has the discretion to establish a base pay rate above the pay range minimum.
  - a. Hiring Above the Minimum (HAM) authority has been approved by OSER for the LTE position or on a continuing basis for positions in the applicable permanent classification.

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- b. The LTE is a former classified permanent employee with reinstatement eligibility or restoration rights to the applicable permanent classification and the duties of the LTE position are related to those of the previous permanent position(s). If so, the allowable maximum base pay rate is determined in accordance with the reinstatement/restoration provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement and/or Section I, 4.07 and 4.08 of this Plan.

**NOTE:** Pay upon reinstatement provisions that supersede or supplement those provided in the Wisconsin Administrative Code apply to classifications assigned to a number of represented and nonrepresented pay schedules.

- c. The LTE is also a current classified permanent employee; the duties and responsibilities of the LTE position are related to those of the permanent position; and the base pay rate is not higher than the employee's permanent rate of pay. However, the base pay rate may not exceed the maximum of the pay range for the counterpart permanent class of the LTE position.
  - d. A raised minimum rate (RMR) is in effect for positions in the applicable permanent classification and the LTE is performing at the same level as a permanent classified employee (i.e., not in a "trainee" status).
  - e. The LTE position is allocated to a classification in a broadband pay schedule. The pay on appointment flexibility for starting an employee (Section I, 4.04(2) of this Plan) at not more than the applicable appointment maximum may be used.
- (c) LTEs in craftworker related positions shall be paid no more than the applicable gross prevailing rate. Those who are determined to be Wisconsin Retirement System eligible may be paid no more than 89.7% of the applicable gross prevailing rate.

### 2.02 Limited Term Appointments in the Unclassified Service

The rate upon appointment should be equal to the rate which would be payable upon appointment to a similar position in the classified service, as determined by the appointing authority.

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### **2.03 Incentive and Retention Award Pilot Program for Seasonal Limited Term Appointments**

Subject to conditions established by the OSER Director, an appointing authority may provide an Incentive and Retention Award not to exceed \$500.00 for critical seasonal LTE appointments. Prior to granting any awards under this pilot project, the agency must provide a written plan to the OSER Director outlining the reason(s) for the awards and the criteria under which they will be granted.

### **3.00 Base Pay Adjustments for LTEs**

#### **3.01 If Paid Below the Maximum Rate for an LTE Class Title**

- (1) An LTE who is paid below the maximum rate indicated for the LTE class title listed in pay schedule 18 may have his or her base pay rate adjusted, by the appointing authority during the fiscal year, to a rate not to exceed the maximum indicated rate.
- (2) For increases granted to LTEs in class titles for which a "usual and customary fee" limit applies, documentation should be retained by the appointing authority as to the basis for such increases. (For example, an increase in the usual and customary fee for the occupation, initial pay set at below the usual and customary fee, etc.)

#### **3.02 If Pay Range of Permanent Classification is Reassigned**

An LTE in a position allocated to a classification also used for permanent positions who is eligible to be paid at the minimum of the pay range may have their base pay rates adjusted to a rate not exceeding the new minimum of the pay range if the classification is reassigned to a different pay range, if the pay range minimum is adjusted, or if a raised minimum rate is in effect for the classification.

#### **3.03 If Paid Below the Minimum of the Pay Range for a Permanent Class Title**

An LTE in a position allocated to a classification used for permanent positions who is paid below the pay range minimum, but who is eligible to be paid up to the minimum, may have his or her base pay rate adjusted up to the pay range minimum of the classification.

#### **3.04 Ineligibility for Regrade Increases**

An LTE is not eligible to receive an increase as a result of a regrade (i.e., LTE positions are not reclassified).

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### 3.05 Eligibility for Other Base Pay Adjustments or Lump Sum Payments

An LTE is not eligible for any type of increase except:

- (1) The increases stated in 3.01 through 3.03 of this Section (Section D);
- (2) An LTE hired under 2.01(2)(b)2.b. of this Section (Section D) may have his or her base pay rate adjusted by the General Wage Adjustment (GWA) shown in Section A, 2.01(3) of this Plan on the effective date of the GWA, subject to the applicable pay range maximum; and .
- (3) An LTE hired under 2.01(2)(b)2.c. of this Section (Section D) may have his or her base pay rate adjusted by the GWA shown in Section A, 2.01(3) of this Plan on the effective date of the GWA, not to exceed the employee's permanent rate of pay and subject to the applicable pay range maximum.

## 4.00 Overtime, Supplemental, and Holiday Pay

### 4.01 Overtime Pay for LTEs with Nonexempt Status

Overtime pay for LTEs who are nonexempt from the overtime provisions of the FLSA shall be in accordance with the provisions of the FLSA and related federal regulations. See Chapter 520 of the Wisconsin Human Resources Handbook for an explanation of these provisions.

### 4.02 Overtime Pay for LTEs with Exempt Status

LTEs who are exempt from the overtime provisions of the FLSA (e.g., attorneys, physicians, dentists, and teachers) must receive the straight rate for all overtime work hours unless the work performed is in an occupational area where it is customary to work overtime hours without additional payment. If LTEs work overtime hours without additional payment, agencies must maintain records to document that such appointments are for less than a total of 1044 actual work hours per year pursuant to s. 230.26, Wis. Stats.

### 4.03 Payment Only for Hours Worked

Pursuant to Chapter ER 10, Wis. Adm. Code, LTEs must be paid only for actual hours worked, except when necessary to vote during scheduled work hours. Pursuant to s. 7.33, Wis. Stats., LTEs must be given paid time off for scheduled work hours during the entire 24-hour period of each election day if required to work as election officials on that date. LTEs cannot be granted compensatory time off as payment for overtime or holiday work hours.

**NOTE:** Pursuant to ss. 230.26 and 230.35, Wis. Stats., LTEs do not qualify for paid holidays or any other type of paid leave, except as noted above.

#### **4.04 Supplemental Pay**

LTEs may receive the same types of supplemental pay (e.g., weekend differential, night differential, etc.) as permanent employees in the same or most closely related classification if the supplemental pay is based on hours worked. Medical Consultant LTE employees whose positions require the possession of a license to practice medicine pursuant to s. 448.05, Wis. Stats., may be provided the supplemental pay in all of the provisions of Section A, 4.15 of this Plan. Medical Consultant LTE employees whose positions require the performance of duties of a Dentist Supervisor or Dentist Management may be provided the supplemental pay in Section A, 4.15(2) of this Plan.

#### **4.05 Payment for Holidays Worked**

LTEs must receive payment at the premium rate for all holiday work hours as provided in s. 230.35(4)(b), Wis. Stats.

### **5.00 Benefit Provisions**

#### **5.01 Health Insurance Premiums**

As provided under Chapter 40, Wis. Stats., and this Plan, the provisions for state payment of health insurance premiums for insured LTEs are identical to the provisions for insured nonrepresented permanent classified employees.

#### **5.02 Retirement Contributions**

See s. 40.05(1)(b), Wis. Stats., for information regarding state payment of employee retirement contributions for participating LTEs.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CLASS TITLES, CODES, AND MAXIMUM PAY RATES FOR LIMITED TERM EMPLOYMENT PAY SCHEDULE 18		
CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	2007-2009-2011 MAXIMUM PAY RATE A/K/A NOT TO EXCEED (NTE) RATE
Archaeology Assistant	94009	NTE Minimum PR 06-11
Archaeology Crew Leader	94012	NTE Minimum PR 06-14
Archaeology Lab Technician	94010	NTE Minimum PR 06-12
Artists Model	94130	NTE Usual & customary fee
Assistant Guide	94150	NTE Minimum PR 06-10
Assistant Naturalist Guide	94140	NTE Minimum PR 06-08
Engineer-Student Engineer Trainee (*Student Engineer Trainee)	94290	NTE Minimum PR 14-46
Clerical Helper	94300	NTE The federal minimum wage + \$3.50
Crafts Worker	94320	NTE Area Prevailing Rate
Crowd Control Officer	94330	NTE Usual & customary fee
Dental Consultant	94350	NTE Usual & customary fee
IS Professional Consultant LTE	94000	NTE Usual & customary fee
Lifeguard	94560	NTE Minimum PR 06-08
Medical Consultant	94600	NTE Usual & customary fee
Professional Consultant	94680	NTE Usual & customary fee
Psychological Consultant	94700	NTE Usual & customary fee
Psychologist Intern-Level I	94721	NTE Minimum PR 12-04
Psychologist Intern-Level II	94722	NTE Minimum PR 12-04
Special Activities Helper	94820	NTE Minimum PR 06-11
Stage Hand	94850	NTE Prevailing rate
Temporary Nurse	94770	NTE Maximum PR 11-09
Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant	94920	NTE Minimum PR 12-04

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The provisions of this Section (Section E) apply to all classified project employees and all classified represented permanent employees whose positions are **not** allocated to classifications assigned to nonrepresented or represented broadband pay schedules.

**NOTE:** The provisions in this Section (Section E) shall be superseded by applicable collective bargaining provisions.

Pay administration provisions for nonrepresented permanent and project employees whose positions are allocated to classifications assigned to broadband pay schedules are contained in Section I of this Plan. Provisions for determining beginning base pay rates for unclassified employees and limited term employees (LTEs) are contained in Sections B and D, respectively. The beginning rate provisions in Sections B and D apply only to employees covered by those respective Sections and have been included with other compensation provisions that are unique to unclassified employees and LTEs.

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**NOTE:** The provisions in this Section (Section E) supersede ch. ER 29, Wis. Adm. Code, for all project appointments in non-broadband pay schedules.

### 1.00 Beginning Pay Upon Original Appointment For Permanent Classified Employees in Non-Broadband Pay Schedules

Upon original appointment as a permanent nonrepresented or represented employee in the classified service beginning base pay rates shall be determined as follows:

#### 1.01 General

The starting base pay rate upon original appointment shall be the minimum of the pay range for the classification except as otherwise provided in this Section (Section E), other sections of this Plan, or collective bargaining agreements.

**NOTE:** For provisions governing the pay upon original appointment for nonrepresented permanent employees in positions allocated to classifications assigned to the broadband pay schedules, refer to Section I. 4.04 of this Plan.

#### 1.02 Raised Minimum Rate (RMR)

**NOTE:** Refer to individual collective bargaining agreements for any reporting requirements or limitations on the use of RMRs for represented positions.

- (1) When competitive labor market conditions have been evaluated and the minimum rate is determined to be below the market rate for a classification or subtitle for a classification, or when a classification or subtitle for a classification has unique requirements and it is unlikely that quality applicants would be available under such conditions, the OSER Director, at the request of the appointing authority, may establish a raised minimum rate above the pay range minimum for recruiting, hiring and retaining employees. Such rates may be established on a geographic basis.
- (2) The raised minimum rate shall be the lowest rate payable to any permanent or project employee whose position is assigned to the classification or classification and subtitle in the geographic area where the raised hiring minimum is in effect.
- (3) Subject to the pay range maximum, if a raised minimum rate is established, the permanent status in class minimum (PSICM) rate, if applicable, shall also be raised by a like dollar amount and any provisions in this Plan or the Wisconsin Administrative Code relating to PSICM shall apply to the raised PSICM so established.

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter 560 of the Wisconsin Human Resources Handbook entitled "Raised Minimum Rates" for additional information.

### 1.03 Hiring Above the Minimum (HAM)

**NOTE:** Refer to individual collective bargaining agreements for any reporting requirements or limitations on the use of HAM for represented positions.

- (1) The OSER Director may authorize HAM for permanent and project employees whose positions are allocated to classifications assigned to non-broadband pay schedules when either:
  - (a) The duties and responsibilities of a position require the employment of a person with qualifications that differ significantly from those normally required for other positions in the same classification, and the persons who possess such qualifications are not readily available in the labor market at the minimum rate in the pay range; or
  - (b) A recruitment effort has failed to produce or would likely not produce a full certification of candidates.
- (2) HAM must be authorized prior to formal recruitment and the increased pay potential must be included in all recruitment information where pay is stated.
- (3) Only those candidates who possess qualifications which significantly exceed the requirements for the classification or subtitle or who possess qualifications which differ significantly from those normally required for other positions in the same classification may be hired above the minimum of the pay range.
- (4) Project positions allocated to represented classifications may be filled using HAM even though use of HAM would not be allowed if the position were permanent.

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter 508 of the Wisconsin Human Resources Handbook entitled "Hiring Above the Minimum" for additional information.

### 1.04 Trainee Minimum Rate

- (1) The minimum starting pay rate for trainees will be established at one within-range pay step below the minimum of the pay range for the objective classification for each six (6) months of formal and/or "on-the-job" training required to reach the objective classification. If the OSER Director, at the request of the appointing authority, reviews the qualifications of the person

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to be appointed and determines that the qualifications are equivalent to specific segments of the training program, such segments may be waived and considered as completed. The rate payable on appointment may then exceed the minimum rate established for the training program and shall be based on the length of time required to complete the remaining segments of the training program.

- (2) Incremental pay increases up to the pay range minimum of the objective classification shall be provided for successful completion of each segment of training as provided in the training plan for each trainee position.
- (3) Scheduled trainee pay increases shall be increased by the same percent, and at the same time as the adjustment to the pay range minimum.
- (4) In pay schedules where no within-range pay step is defined, the step used for trainee pay purposes shall be three percent (3.0%) of the minimum for the objective classification for which the employee is being trained.

### **2.00 Beginning Pay Rates for Project Appointees in Non-Broadband Pay Schedules**

#### **2.01 Project Appointees Who Are Former Permanent Classified or Unclassified Employees**

- (1) Subject to the maximum of the new pay range, project appointees who have previously been permanent classified employees, and who could have been appointed to a permanent position without an interruption of continuous service under s. ER 18.02(2), Wis. Adm. Code, may be appointed to a project position assigned to a higher classification than their previous permanent classified position, and may be paid at up to their previous rate of pay if higher than the pay range minimum of the classification for the project appointment.
- (2) Project appointees who have previously been permanent classified employees, and who could have been appointed to a permanent position without an interruption of continuous service under ER 18.02(2), Wis. Adm. Code, may be appointed to a project position assigned to the same, a counterpart, or a lower classification than their previous permanent classified position, and may be paid at a rate of pay determined in accordance with the provisions regarding pay on reinstatement as contained in the applicable collective bargaining agreement or Section I, 4.07(2) of this Plan. The flexible pay upon appointment provisions unique to broadband pay schedules, described in Section I, 4.04 of this Plan, shall not apply.
- (3) Subject to the maximum of the new pay range, project appointees who are appointed directly from a permanent classified or unclassified position without an interruption in employment status, or who receive a classified leave of absence for the project position, may be paid at up to their previous rate of pay if higher than the pay range minimum of the classification for the project position.

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter ER 34 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for additional employment information regarding project employees.

**2.02 Other Project Appointees**

- (1) Except as provided in 2.01, beginning base pay rates shall be determined in accordance with 1.00 above.
- (2) On subsequent project appointment to a different position, the pay rate attained as a result of a project appointment shall not serve as the basis for the establishment of subsequent pay rates on appointment to any other position. However, experience acquired may be relevant for subsequent appointments made in accordance with HAM provisions of 1.03 above.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section A, 4.20, of this Plan for the provisions regarding supplemental pay and overtime provisions for project employees.

**3.00 Other Transaction Pay Adjustments for Project Employees in Non-Broadband Pay Schedules**

**3.01 Pay on Completion of the First Six Months of a Project Appointment**

No six month increase will be granted to any project employee upon completion of the first six months of a project appointment.

**3.02 Multiple Pay Adjustments on Same Date (Order of Application)**

Multiple pay adjustments that are effective on the same date will be applied in the order given in Section I, 4.01 of this Plan.

**3.03 Pay on Regrade for Reclassification or Reallocation to a Classification in a Higher Pay Range.**

Pay on regrade for reclassification or reallocation to a classification in a higher pay range for project appointees will be in accordance with Section I, 4.09 of this Plan.

**3.04 Pay on Regrade for Reclassification or Reallocation to a Classification in the Same or Counterpart Pay Range.**

Project employees shall receive no pay adjustment for reclassification or reallocation to a classification in the same or counterpart pay range.

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**3.05 Pay on Regrade for Reclassification or Reallocation to a Classification in a Lower Pay Range.**

Pay on regrade for reclassification or reallocation to a classification in a lower pay range for project appointees will be in accordance with Section I, 4.11(1) of this Plan.

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## INTRODUCTION

In accordance with s. 20.916(8), Wis. Stats., the OSER Director, with the approval of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER), establishes the uniform travel schedule amounts (UTSAs). These amounts include automobile, motorcycle, and personal airplane mileage reimbursement rates; portage tips; moving expenses; temporary lodging allowances; and meal and lodging rates. The approved travel schedule amounts are incorporated into the compensation plan under s. 230.12(1), Wis. Stats., and apply to all employees whose compensation is established under ss. 20.923 or 230.12, Wis. Stats., (i.e., all nonrepresented classified and unclassified civil service employees, including legislators, judges, and board members). The provisions of this Section (Section F) become effective on the first day of the month following approval by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER), but no sooner than the effective date of this Plan, and remain in effect until the first day of the month following modification by JCOER. The Department of Administration (DOA) has responsibility to ensure that travel claims are audited for compliance with the provisions of these travel schedule amounts. Under s. 16.53(12)(c), Wis. Stats., DOA may not approve for payment any travel vouchers which exceed the maximum travel schedule amounts established under s. 20.916(8), Wis. Stats., except in unusual circumstances when accompanied by a receipt and full explanation of the reasonableness of such expense and approved by the appointing authority or designee.

Provisions in labor agreements for represented employees that apply to travel and lodging expenses supersede the analogous provisions under these travel schedule amounts.

Employees in travel status are expected to exercise good judgment when incurring travel costs. An employee shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary travel expenses actually incurred in the performance of official duties in accordance with the travel schedule amounts and provisions herein.

Employees are encouraged to plan all travel with the principles of fiscal austerity and energy conservation in mind and to make maximum use of telephone, facsimile machines, postal service, e-mail, teleconferencing, Web-Casts and other technical applications as a way to minimize the need to travel.

These uniform travel schedule amounts apply to travel within the United States. Expenses incurred for approved travel outside this area will be subject to the schedule amounts where appropriate (e.g., air transportation to be the lowest appropriate airfare), but handled on a case-by-case basis when travel-related costs vary from country to country. For such out-of-country travel, the federal Outside

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the Continental United States (OCONUS) Per Diem rates shall be used. Reimbursement for out-of-country travel shall be based on actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred with the per diem rates used to determine the maximum allowable reimbursement for both meals and lodging. These rates do not include incidental expenses such as laundry and taxis.

### 1.00 Definitions

- 1.01 Airline Receipt:** An airline receipt is the original "Passenger Receipt" plus any applicable original travel agency invoice/itinerary evidencing service fee amounts. If these are not available, a reasonable copy or computer print-out (such as an Internet/e-mail confirmation) along with proof of payment, such as a credit card statement or cancelled check, will be acceptable. Credit card charge statements and/or slips alone are not acceptable as documentation because these lack sufficient detail.
- 1.02 Employee:** Any classified or unclassified officer, or employee of the state, including any legislator, judge, board member, permanent, project, or limited term employee, etc., who is entitled to actual, reasonable and necessary expenses. See ss. 16.53(12)(a)2. and 20.916(9)(a)1., Wis. Stats.
- 1.03 Headquarters:** The physical location of the employee's permanent work site.
- 1.04 Headquarters City:** The area within the city, town or village limits where an employee's permanent work site is located and the area within a radius of 15 miles (based on odometer mileage) from the employee's permanent work site. The appointing authority or designee shall determine the employee's permanent work site in the best interest of the state. See s. 20.916(9)(a)2., Wis. Stats.
- 1.05 Lowest Appropriate Airfare:** Coach fare which provides for not more than a two hour window from the traveler's preferred departure or arrival time, may require one plane transfer without regard to carrier, aircraft, and connecting airport and departs from the airport nearest to the employee's headquarters location or, at the discretion of the employee, from an airport offering a fare which is more cost effective, including parking, mileage, and/or additional overnight stays.
- 1.06 Non-Airline Receipt:** A non-airline receipt is the original statement document from the supplier, preferably one that clearly evidences the form of payment, date of purchase, name of supplier, and type of purchase. In the case of lodging, detailed itemization of the expenses is required. If the original receipt is not available, a reasonable copy of the receipt or a computer print-out (such as an Internet/e-mail confirmation) along with proof of payment, such as credit card statement or cancelled check, will be accepted. In the case of lodging, the copy must provide a detailed itemization of expenses. Credit card charge statements and/or slips alone are not acceptable as documentation because these lack sufficient detail.
- 1.07 Traveler:** Any person who incurs travel expenses on official state business and is entitled to authorized reimbursement for those expenses.

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**1.08 Travel Status:** When an employee is required by his/her supervisor to leave the headquarters station to accomplish official state business and is eligible for reimbursement of actual, reasonable and necessary travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the OSER uniform travel schedule amounts, other applicable statutes, or pursuant to collective bargaining agreements.

**1.09 Volunteer:** Any officially authorized person not in employee status, who provides service to the state.

### **2.00 Authority for Travel**

#### **2.01 Authorization**

Any official business travel by state employees must be approved in accordance with individual agency procedures as established by the appointing authority or designee.

#### **2.02 Appropriateness**

Pursuant to s. 16.53(12)(b), Wis. Stats., the appointing authority or designee shall determine that the proposed travel is appropriate and necessary to the mission, responsibilities or duties of the employee's unit.

Pursuant to s. 16.53(1)(c)7., Wis. Stats.; before employees are permitted to attend out-of-state conferences, conventions, seminars, meetings or training courses, the appointing authority or designee should ensure that a clear state interest is being served.

### **3.00 Mode of Transportation**

Pursuant to s. 20.916(4)(c), Wis. Stats., the allowance for the use of a personal automobile or motorcycle shall not exceed the lowest cost of the most practical means of public transportation between points convenient to be reached by railroad, bus or commercial airplane without unreasonable loss of time. The appointing authority or designee shall give due consideration to the circumstances in each case when determining the most practical means of public transportation. The cost of meals and lodging paid by the state and the cost of the use of a state-owned automobile not chargeable to an employee may not exceed the cost which would have been incurred had the most practical form of public transportation been used, at the most appropriate time, if a practical form of public transportation is available.

When a number of state employees are knowingly traveling to the same destination at the same time, it is their responsibility to arrange for pooled transportation where practicable. Individuals, who for personal reasons choose not to participate in pooled transportation, may be reimbursed for mileage expense when the appointing authority or designee determines that such reimbursement is appropriate.

Expenses for transportation will be reimbursed as follows:

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### 3.01 Air Travel

**NOTE:** Refer to the DOA's State Procurement contracts on Travel Agency Services for additional detailed information.

- (1) Reimbursement for commercial air travel shall be limited to the lowest appropriate airfare (Reference the definition in 1.05 of this Section). The appointing authority or designee may determine a reimbursement amount other than the lowest appropriate airfare only when the traveler provides written explanation of the reasonableness of the expense.

Where a traveler is seeking reimbursement for airfare through a travel voucher, there should be sufficient documentation of the departure and return dates, itinerary, nature of official business and a receipt attached to the travel voucher (Reference the definition in 1.01 in this Section).

Where airfare is being paid directly by a state agency, the invoice and other attachments to the payment voucher should reflect the following information:

- (a) Name(s) of the traveler(s) and destinations;
- (b) Departure and return dates;
- (c) Nature of official business;
- (d) If possible, cross-reference to the number of the travel voucher containing the other trip-related expenses.

**NOTE:** Benefits from any airline promotion, such as free tickets for frequent fliers, merchandise, etc. that accrue as a result of official state business, belong to the State of Wisconsin and should be used whenever possible for subsequent official state business. Business use of frequent flier vouchers, vouchers for bumping, discount coupons or other instruments are not considered to have any monetary value, and therefore, employees shall not be reimbursed for using them.

- (2) Flight insurance coverage for employees is not a reimbursable expense.
- (3) Reimbursement for use of private aircraft will be made at the rate of ~~46.5~~48.5 cents per mile if under s. 20.916(5)(a), Wis. Stats., use of a private aircraft is authorized prior to travel by an appointing authority or designee who has confirmed that the individual has the required insurance coverage. ~~Effective July 1, 2008, the above rate increases to 48.5 cents per mile.~~
- (4) Miscellaneous Travel Supplier Fees: Fees incurred because travel arrangements were changed (such as, but not limited to, those changed by

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airlines) are reimbursable only when accompanied by a valid, written business reason for the change and approved by the appointing authority or designee.

### 3.02 Travel by Train

Pursuant to s. 20.916(9)(f)2., Wis. Stats., travel by train shall be limited to coach, if available, unless overnight where accommodations should be limited to roomette. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

### 3.03 Travel by Bus

Employees traveling within the headquarters city and between cities should travel by bus whenever feasible, as determined by the appointing authority or designee. Receipts are required for reimbursement of travel between cities.

### 3.04 Taxis and Airline Shuttles

Reasonable charges for taxis and airline shuttles, including taxi tips at a maximum rate of 15% of the charge as provided in s. 20.916(9)(d)2., Wis. Stats., are reimbursable when other modes of travel are not available or practical. However, shuttle service (usually less expensive or free) should be utilized in place of a taxi whenever possible and the employee shall be reimbursed at a rate of no more than that of the shuttle service cost if such shuttle service was available. Employees shall obtain and provide receipts whenever the cost of a one-way fare exceeds \$25.

### 3.05 Vehicle Transportation

#### (1) Use of State Pool Vehicles

- (a) Management shall encourage employees to use state pool vehicles whenever feasible and whenever a vehicle is required for conducting official state business unless a state-owned vehicle is already personally assigned.
- (b) When using state pool vehicles, passengers shall be limited to state employees or travelers engaged in official state business.
- (c) Credit cards are provided with each vehicle and must be used if possible when any expenses are incurred. The only expenses in connection with state-owned vehicles which can be claimed on a travel voucher as reimbursable are:
  1. Storage, parking and toll charges.
  2. Expenses incurred where the credit cards are not accepted. Receipts showing the fleet number of the vehicle are required.

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3. Emergency expenditures related to operation of the vehicle.  
Receipts showing the fleet number of the vehicle are required.
  - (d) Personal use of a pool vehicle is not permitted.
  - (e) Traffic citations, parking tickets, locksmith calls for retrieving keys, etc., are not reimbursable.
- (2) Use Of Personally-Assigned State-Owned Vehicles
- (a) Based upon an employee's job responsibilities, an employee may be assigned a state-owned vehicle.
  - (b) Pursuant to s. 20.916(7), Wis. Stats., an employee who has a personally-assigned state-owned vehicle may use the vehicle for personal use in accordance with fleet guidelines, and must reimburse the state for such use at a rate of 46.5 cents per mile, plus sales tax. ~~Effective July 1, 2008, the above rate increases to 48.5 cents per mile, plus sales tax.~~
  - (c) Traffic citations, parking tickets, locksmith calls for retrieving keys, etc., are not reimbursable.
- (3) Use Of Privately-Owned Vehicles
- (a) Reimbursable business miles are determined as follows:
    1. Actual miles driven by the most direct route between an employee's headquarters and a work site removed from the assigned headquarters
    2. Actual miles driven by the most direct route between work sites that are removed from the assigned headquarters
    3. For trips that start or end at an employee's home, the lesser of actual miles driven between an employee's home and the work site removed from the assigned headquarters or the mileage between an employee's assigned headquarters and the work site.
    4. When management determines that an employee's vehicle is not required for travel to a work site removed from the assigned headquarters, the employee will be reimbursed mileage from the employee's home to an approved pickup point which is in excess of the mileage from the employee's home to the assigned headquarters.
    5. Items 3.05(3)(a)1. through 3. should be used to determine reimbursable business mileage for each component of a trip when multiple stops are made during the day.
    6. Mileage from the employee's home to the assigned headquarters is not reimbursable.

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**NOTE:** See OSER Bulletin CC-198 dated 6/19/89 for additional information on mileage reimbursement from home to work site or pickup point.

- (b) An employee shall be reimbursed at the rate of 46.5 cents per mile (48.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2008) if the accumulated personal car business mileage per round trip is:
1. Less than 100 miles. Employees may be required to secure a non-availability slip, at the discretion of the appointing authority or designee.
  2. 100 miles or more and the employee's agency issues them a non-availability slip because the agency maintains a central pool in the headquarters city.
  3. 100 miles or more and if both the employee's agency and the DOA central fleet issue a non-availability slip because the agency's central pool and central fleet are located in the headquarters city.
  4. Any mileage if there is no access to a fleet vehicle in the headquarters city.
  5. Any mileage if these requirements are waived on an individual basis. The agency must demonstrate to DOA that a different set of mileage standards for issuing non-availability slips would result in a more cost effective use of state vehicles.
- (c) The non-availability slip should include the date of the request as well as the dates for which a pool vehicle is requested and must be signed by the agency dispatcher or DOA Central Fleet representative.
- (d) Except as provided in (b) above, if an employee uses his or her own automobile, the business mileage allowance shall be at a rate pursuant to s. 20.916(4)(e), Wis. Stats., except as otherwise stated in this Section (Section F).

**NOTE:** Employees should contact their agency fiscal officer to obtain the reimbursement rate when they do not have a non-availability slip and choose to use their personal vehicle.

- (e) Charges for repairs, tow services, lubrication, etc., are not reimbursable items. Traffic citations, parking tickets and other traffic violation expenses are the employee's responsibility.

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- (f) Upon approval of the appointing authority or designee:
1. Pursuant to s. 20.916(4)(b), Wis. Stats., an additional 1 cent per mile may be paid to an employee for the use of a personal automobile on official state business when used as an emergency vehicle, or under conditions which may cause excessive wear or depreciation, such as the pulling of trailers, or which require the installation of special equipment.
  2. An additional 1 cent per mile may be paid to an employee whose automobile is used for transporting 2 or more passengers (not including the driver).
  3. An additional 4 cents per mile may be paid to an employee when an automobile is operated off the roadway (construction areas, etc.).
  4. Persons with disabilities who use a privately-owned, specially equipped van on state business shall be reimbursed at a rate of 64-66 cents per mile. When a state-owned van which is specially equipped for persons with disabilities is available, the reimbursement rate shall be ~~59-61~~ cents per mile unless a non-availability slip has been obtained. Effective July 1, 2008, the above rates increase from 64 to 66 cents per mile and from 59 to 61 cents per mile.

**NOTE:** Requests for exemption from the "certificate of non-availability" requirement, for medical or other reasons should be forwarded to the DOA fleet management coordinator. Requests for exemptions must be resubmitted on an annual basis. Employees who are disabled may also receive a general waiver if state-owned vehicles do not adequately meet their specific needs and a driver is not available on a regular basis. Copies of all such exemption approvals shall be kept on file in the agency pre-audit area, to avoid delays in processing the travel claim.

- (g) Employees shall be reimbursed for the use of privately-owned motorcycles on state business, in accordance with s. 20.916(4m), Wis. Stats. The rates for reimbursement shall be 28.5 cents per mile, whether a fleet vehicle is available or not, subject to the following conditions:
1. Only one individual may be transported on a single motorcycle.
  2. The appointing authority or designee may require travel by automobile if the travel costs are anticipated to be less than the cost

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of travel by motorcycle, such as when two or more state employees are traveling to the same destination.

3. Reimbursement for use of privately owned mopeds or bicycles on state business is not authorized by statute.

(h) Pursuant to s. 20.916(4)(c), Wis. Stats., for travel between points convenient to be reached by railroad, bus or commercial airplane without reasonable loss of time, the allowance for the use of a personal automobile or motorcycle shall not exceed the lowest cost of the most practical means of public transportation between such points.

The employee's appointing authority or designee shall give due consideration to the circumstances in each case when determining the amount of reimbursement for the most practical means of public transportation where a personal auto or motorcycle is utilized. Reimbursement for meals and lodging, as well as transportation, shall not exceed what would ordinarily have been incurred had the most practical means of public transportation been used.

(i) Parking charges and tolls incurred while on official business, as authorized, are reimbursable if incurred as a result of the job. Parking charges incurred in the headquarters city are reimbursable if incurred as a result of the job and on approval of the appointing authority or designee, pursuant to s. 20.916(9)(e), Wis. Stats. Receipts are required for claims in excess of \$25. Parking charges incurred at the employee's headquarters are not reimbursable, except as noted in 8.00 of this Section (Section F).

(j) If cost effective, agencies may reimburse actual round trip mileage for travel to and from the airport on the departure and return dates. Reimbursement is limited to round trip mileage between the employee's home or headquarters, whichever is shorter, and the airport. The total reimbursement must not exceed the cost of any other reasonable means of getting to the airport, including parking fees if it would have been required.

(k) "Vicinity" mileage on official business trips should be stated in the itinerary column on the travel voucher but does not have to be separated from the total miles claimed for the trip.

(4) Vehicle Rentals/Insurance.

Rental vehicles should be used in situations where it is the most cost efficient means of transportation or the efficient conduct of state business precludes the use of other means of transportation.

**NOTE:** There are restrictions with regards to renting 12 or 15 passenger vans. Renters of 12 or 15 passenger vans must be authorized by their respective appointing authority or designee prior to renting.

When renting a vehicle:

- (a) State contract vendors shall be used unless the vendor is unable to provide a vehicle as needed. All contract vendors include Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and liability insurance in their rates. Vehicles may be rented from non-contract vendors if a contract vendor is not available or the rental cost, including CDW and liability insurance is less expensive and services are equal to the contract vendors.
- (b) The CDW and liability insurance for domestic rentals shall be purchased when renting from non-contract vendors and when renting from a contract vendor for rentals where such coverage is not included in the contract. For international rentals, travelers must purchase CDW and liability insurance unless provided under the vendor contract for the country in which the travel occurs.
- (c) Be prepared to provide identification of state employment.
- (d) If one or two travelers are using the vehicle, an economy-sized vehicle shall be rented. A larger size vehicle may be rented and fully reimbursed if there are three or more travelers involved in state business or extra space is needed for equipment. Claims for larger vehicles must be justified in writing.
- (e) Claims for reimbursement must be supported by the original receipt.
- (f) Personal effects insurance (PEC) or any additional charges for personal use are not reimbursable.

**NOTE:** Refer to the DOA's State Procurement Contract on Rental Cars or DOA Fleet Office for additional detailed information.

### 3.06 Special Mode Transportation

In conjunction with specialized field trips, geological surveys, and special instructional/research expeditions, where a combination of traditional and nontraditional modes of transportation may be necessary, an explanation of the circumstance and a listing of actual out-of-pocket expenses should accompany the request for reimbursement.

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**4.00 Meal Expenses**

**4.01 Meal Claims**

The claim for meals must represent actual, reasonable and necessary expenses for meals, subject to the maximums provided in 4.02, below. Meals included in the cost of lodging or registration fees are not reimbursable. The appointing authority or designee may grant individual exceptions if the employee provides written justification.

**4.02 Maximum Meal Amounts**

- (1) Maximum permitted amounts for individual meals in state, including tax and tip, are listed and shall be:

As of July 1, 2001	
Breakfast	\$8.00
Lunch	\$9.00
Dinner	\$17.00

- (2) Maximum permitted amounts for individual meals due to out-of-state travel, including tax and tip, are listed and shall be:

As of July 1, 2001	
Breakfast	\$10.00
Lunch	\$10.00
Dinner	\$20.00

- (3) The maximum allowable tip is 15% of the meal claim.
- (4) On any particular day that an employee is entitled to reimbursement for two or more consecutive meals, the employee may exceed the maximum amount for one or more meals. The employee may claim the actual amount spent for each meal as long as the total amount claimed for the eligible meals is not greater than the combined maximum reimbursement rate for those meals. Each day is considered separately for application of this policy.
- (5) Employees shall be reimbursed a flat rate of \$4.00 for each bag meal.

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### 4.03 Meal Receipts

Receipts for meals are not required except for the following:

- (1) Any claim in excess of the schedule in 4.02 of this Section (Section F), must be accompanied by a receipt and full explanation of the reasonableness of such expense. To be considered reasonable, a cost must generally be incurred outside the control of the individual. If the employee has a choice in the selection of the restaurant or the menu item, the employee is expected to stay within the maximums. When claiming reimbursement for meal expenses while attending a conference, employees shall be required to attach a copy of the conference brochure to the travel voucher.
- (2) If there is a suspected abuse or a consistent pattern of maximum meal reimbursement claims is noted on an employee's travel vouchers, the appointing authority or designee may require an employee to submit receipts to document the amounts claimed on future travel vouchers.

### 4.04 Timeframes for Meal Reimbursement

Reimbursement for meals for employees who are on a day-shift basis (7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) will be allowed on trips only on the following conditions:

- (1) Breakfast, provided the employee leaves home before 6:00 a.m.
- (2) Lunch, provided the employee leaves his or her headquarters city before 10:30 a.m. and returns after 2:30 p.m.
- (3) Dinner, provided the employee leaves directly from work and returns home after 7:00 p.m.

The time or time periods specified above, shall be modified to the extent necessary to provide equitable treatment to employees whose work schedule requires shift work on other than a day shift basis (7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Meal reimbursement maximum limits shall be based on the type of meal appropriate to the time of day.

### 4.05 Alcoholic Beverages

The cost of alcoholic beverages is not reimbursable.

### 4.06 Bottled Water Reimbursement for International Travel

Reimbursement will be made for purchased bottled water. Employees are limited to maximum reimbursement of \$7.50 per day when in international travel status (outside the contiguous U.S.).

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### 5.00 Hotel and Motel Expenses

#### 5.01 Lodging Claims

The choice of lodging shall be based on cost with consideration given to accessibility in conducting business:

- (1) Employees of the same sex traveling together are encouraged, whenever feasible, to share lodging accommodations. Employees should be held personally responsible for unnecessary room costs that result from his/her failure to notify the hotel/motel of a cancellation, unless reasonable justification is provided for failing to notify the hotel/motel.
- (2) When an appointing authority or designee determines that it is in the best interest of the state to order the employee to stay at a specified lodging accommodation, the employee shall be entitled to the full lodging reimbursement required for such a stay. If this lodging rate exceeds the maximum permitted amount specified in 5.02 of this Section (Section F), the employee must attach documentation to the voucher which clearly indicates the employer's requirement that the individual stay at the specified lodging accommodation. This documentation shall include the employer's written authorization and justification for requiring the employee to stay at the specified lodging accommodation.
- (3) When an appointing authority or designee orders an employee to attend a business function and does not specify the lodging accommodation, the employee's lodging reimbursement shall be limited to the amount specified in 5.02 of this Section (Section F), except as provided in 5.03 of this Section.
- (4) An appointing authority or designee may permit the employee(s) to stay at a documented conference site where lodging costs exceed the maximum permitted amount specified in 5.02 of this Section (Section F) on the basis that it enables the employee(s) to gain professional benefits due to interaction with other attendees. No additional statement of justification is required.

#### 5.02 Maximum Lodging Rates

- (1) The maximum permitted amount per day, excluding tax, for lodging for all in-state travel in counties other than Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha shall be ~~\$62~~. Effective July 1, 2008, the rate for counties other than Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha shall be \$70.
- (2) The maximum permitted amount for Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha counties shall be ~~\$72~~. Effective July 1, 2008, the rate for Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha counties shall be \$80.

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- (3) The in-state maximum reimbursement rate per night shall also apply to out-of-state travel, except for lodging in higher cost cities as determined by OSER. For lodging maximums in higher cost cities, refer to the most recent issue of the OSER Bulletin entitled “Maximum Reimbursement for Lodging in High-Cost Out-of-State Cities.”
- (4) If an employee is required to stay in a city not listed in the “Maximum Reimbursement for Lodging in High Cost Out-of-State Cities” bulletin, the greater of the rate for the nearest comparable city, or the maximum in-state lodging rate under (1) shall apply. DOA shall determine the nearest comparable city.
- (5) The reimbursement to the employee (or the amount paid directly by the agency to the hotel for the lodging) is limited to the single room rate. If employees share a room, the reimbursement may be divided equally but not in excess of the maximum amount permitted for each employee had each stayed in a single room. (The cost of a room shared by two or more employees may not exceed the combined maximum rate for an equal number of single rooms.)

### 5.03 Exceeding the Maximum Lodging Rate

Any amount in excess of the schedule in 5.02 of this Section (Section F) must be accompanied by a receipt and explanation of the reasonableness of such expense. Except as provided in 5.01(2) of this Section (Section F), maximums may be exceeded only when it is determined that unavoidable additional expenses would be incurred by trying to adhere to the specified maximums (e.g., high transportation costs incurred when staying at an economical hotel/motel at the edge of the city instead of staying downtown).

### 5.04 Checkout Times and Extended Stays

Employees shall observe posted hotel checkout hours in order to avoid a charge for the day of departure. An employee who is required to remain in one location for an extended period of time is expected to find lodging at reasonable weekly and/or monthly rates.

### 5.05 Lodging Receipt Requirement

All lodging expenses must be supported by an original itemized receipt. A photocopy of the receipt, the hotel or motel statement or credit card receipt is not considered an acceptable substitute unless exceptional circumstances can be documented and a written explanation is attached to the voucher.

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### 5.06 Non-licensed Facilities

Expenses for lodging at facilities which are not licensed as a hotel, motel, campground, or tourist rooming house (e.g., private residences) are not reimbursable. Exceptions may be granted by the appointing authority or designee if there is a clear cost benefit to the state.

### 5.07 Government Discounts

When registering in a lodging establishment or signing for any official purpose, state employees shall use their business address, identification and provide tax exemption documentation to the hotel to avoid payment of state, county and local taxes. Employees shall ask for government or negotiated rates.

### 5.08 Negotiated Rates

If there are negotiated contracts available with hotels within the state, employees shall use these properties whenever possible.

## 6.00 Meeting Facilities

### 6.01 State-Sponsored Meetings, Training and Conferences

Whenever possible and cost effective, meetings, conferences and training sessions sponsored by state agencies primarily for the participation of government employees should be conducted in public facilities (defined as facilities owned, leased or operated by the State) and at locations which will:

- (1) Minimize fuel consumption for transportation;
- (2) Provide the necessary services for the session at the most economical cost to the state;
- (3) Facilitate public attendance and/or press coverage as necessary; and
- (4) Accommodate persons with disabilities to the fullest extent possible.

### 6.02 Exceptions

Exceptions to the rule of using public facilities for these types of events must be authorized by the appointing authority or designee.

## 7.00 Other Allowable Travel Expenses

### 7.01 Laundry, Cleaning and Pressing Charges

Under s. 20.916(9)(d)1., Wis. Stats., if the employee is away for more than three days, reasonable amounts will be allowed for laundry, cleaning and pressing service.

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Only one charge per calendar week is reimbursable for each type of actual and necessary service.

Reimbursement claims for laundry, cleaning and/or pressing must be supported by original paid receipts. Charges for laundry, etc., can be reimbursed only when the employee incurs the expenses while in travel status. Employees should normally be expected to pack sufficient clothing for a week without having to incur such charges. Routine cleaning of clothes is not considered a travel-related expense and therefore not reimbursable.

### 7.02 Telephone/Fax/Internet Connectivity

- (1) Employees are encouraged to place telephone calls in advance from the headquarters location. If telephoning from the field is necessary for business purposes, an employee must attempt to use the State Telephone System (STS), which is now available at most agency and university locations around the state. One personal call is reimbursable up to \$5.00 each for the following conditions:
  - (a) Each night an employee must spend overnight away from home in travel status; or
  - (b) As a result of each unscheduled geographical location change; or
  - (c) As a result of an unscheduled change in travel status which results in more than a one (1) hour extension to the employee's originally scheduled return time.
- (2) Where STS is not available, business telephone charges (both local and long distance) may be reimbursed. Business related facsimile charges are reimbursable. Reimbursement claims for business telephone calls, business facsimile charges and/or Internet connectivity in excess of \$5.00 per call shall be supported by receipt.

### 7.03 Hotel Gratuities and Portage

- (1) Necessary gratuities to hotel employees are reimbursable, up to \$2.00 on the day of arrival, \$2.00 on the day of departure and \$2.00 per each night of stay.
- (2) Portage costs at airports or bus terminals shall be reimbursed. The claim should not exceed \$1.00 per piece of luggage.

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### 7.04 Registration Fees

- (1) An original paid receipt, a copy of the check, a copy of the credit card statement, or the traveler's customer copy of the credit card receipt must support claims for reimbursement of registration fees over \$25.
- (2) Expenses of individuals not on official state business (spouse, family members, friend, etc.) that are included in the registration fees are not reimbursable.

### 7.05 ATM Service Fees

The service or transaction fee for the cost of ATM withdrawals obtained for business expenses may be reimbursed upon approval of the appointing authority or designee.

### 7.06 Passports and Visas

Charges for passports, visas and associated required photographs are reimbursable if incurred in connection with official state business. No expedited charges will be reimbursed unless written justification is provided. The cost of inoculations and other routine medical procedures required for entry into certain foreign countries that is not covered by insurance is also reimbursable. Receipts are required if the claim exceeds \$25.00.

### 8.00 Expenses in an Employee's Headquarters City

Under s. 20.916(9)(e), Wis. Stats., employees who are headquartered in a city in which the expense occurs shall be reimbursed for their actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties only on the approval of the appointing authority or designee. This does not apply to travel between an employee's residence and the city in which the employee is headquartered, which shall not be reimbursable. Parking charges incurred in headquarters city resulting from daily trips from an individual's residence to the headquarters are not reimbursable unless the conditions enumerated in AG Opinion 61 OAG 210 (one of which is that the employee's use of a personal vehicle is a condition of employment) are met.

### 9.00 Traveling With Spouse or Other "Non-Employee" Individuals

Travel expenses for individuals not on official state business (spouse, family member, friend, etc.) are not reimbursable. With respect to the cost of lodging, the amount reimbursable to the employee will be equal to the rate for a single room, which shall be entered on the receipt by the hotel clerk. The only authorized exception to this prohibition applies to the Governor's spouse, and such situations are specifically outlined in the separate procedures governing the use of the Governor's contingency fund (established pursuant to s. 20.525(1)(b), Wis. Stats.).

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### 10.00 Reimbursement for Moving Expenses

#### 10.01 Authority

Section 20.917, Wis. Stats., provides for reimbursement of expenses for preparation and transportation of household effects and for the transportation of the employee and the employee's immediate family to the new place of residence. Household effects include, but are not limited to: furniture, clothing, household appliances, and other items necessary for the maintenance of a household. Items not included as necessary household effects include, but are not limited to: boats, pets, farm tractors and equipment, etc.

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter 760 of the Wisconsin Human Resources Handbook entitled "Reimbursement for Moving Expenses" for detailed information regarding provisions and procedures for moving expense reimbursement.

#### 10.02 Minimum Distance

Reimbursement for an employee's moving expenses can be allowed if:

- (1) The distance between the new place of employment and the old residence is at least 35 miles farther than the distance between the old place of employment and the old residence; and
- (2) The distance between the new and old residence is at least 35 miles.

If the appointing authority determines that a move is a mandatory condition of employment under s. 20.917(1)(a), Wis. Stats., the minimum distance requirements are not applicable.

#### 10.03 Maximum Amount

The maximum dollar amount which may be permitted for reimbursement of any employee's moving costs is subject to the limitations set forth in s. 20.917(2)(b), Wis. Stats. DOA shall determine the maximum reimbursement which is the maximum amount as set forth in the rate tables of the major household goods tariff publishing bureaus to move household effects. In addition, a \$1,000 stipend may be paid for costs incidental to moving (subject to the limitations set forth in s. 20.917(1)(e), Wis. Stats.), as well as the cost of automobile travel for one vehicle at 42.5 cents per mile. Incidental costs include, but are not limited to: disconnection and/or hook up of appliances, extra insurance coverage, etc.

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### 10.04 International Moves

Employees making international moves to the contiguous 48 states may be reimbursed for all actual, necessary and reasonable expenses subject to the prior approval of the appointing authority or designee. Actual, reasonable and necessary expenses will be subject to the limitations contained in the Federal GSA Bulletin, which governs moving reimbursement for federal employees.

**NOTE:** See Section A of this Plan for provisions which allow for granting a Relocation Incentive Award to classified nonrepresented employees under certain circumstances.

### 11.00 Applicant Interview Expenses

Section 20.916(2), Wis. Stats., provides that reimbursement may be made to applicants for all or part of reasonable and necessary travel expenses actually incurred in connection with oral examination and employment interviews. All reimbursement actions under this provision shall be documented in writing and subject to review by the appointing authority or designee. Reimbursement for travel, meals and lodging shall conform to the provisions of 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00 of this Section (Section F).

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter 764 of the Wisconsin Human Resources Handbook entitled "Reimbursement of Applicant's Travel Expenses" for procedures and provisions relating to applicant interview expenses.

### 12.00 Temporary Lodging Allowance

As provided under s. 20.917(3)(a)1, Wis. Stats., the Temporary Lodging Allowance shall be consistent with the lodging allowance for hotels and motels established under 5.02 of this Section (Section F). The allowance is applicable only to persons who are eligible for moving expense reimbursement whether or not such reimbursement is granted. Such allowance payment is limited to 45 days.

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter 774 of the Wisconsin Human Resources Handbook entitled "Reimbursement for Temporary Lodging" for procedures and provisions relating to temporary lodging.

### 13.00 Food and Lodging Allowances for Legislators

Food and Lodging allowances for legislators will be determined in accordance with s. 13.123(1), Wis. Stats.

## Section F – 14.00

### 14.00 Miscellaneous

#### 14.01 Weekend Expenses

Weekend expenses are not reimbursable without:

- (1) Appointing authority or designee approval; and/or
- (2) Conference agenda or brochure.

**NOTE:** See 13.00 of this Section (Section F) for exceptions regarding legislators.

#### 14.02 Expenses for Volunteers

Persons who volunteer their services to state agencies may be reimbursed for some or all of the actual and necessary travel expenses in accordance with s. 20.916(1m), Wis. Stats., and the maximums established under this Section (Section F).

Volunteers must contact the risk management office of the agency they are serving prior to traveling on state business and seeking reimbursement for the state.

#### 14.03 Expenses for Reasonable Accommodations

It is recognized that individuals traveling on official state business may require a reasonable accommodation, as required by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Depending upon individual circumstances, the reasonable accommodation could take various forms such as payment of portage costs under 7.03 of this Section (Section F) or allowing a personal attendant to accompany the individual while in travel status.

**NOTE:** If it is necessary for the individual conducting official state business to have an attendant in order to participate in an off-work site meeting or travel for other work-related purposes, the attendant's travel costs, including salary, would be reimbursable if they meet the actual, reasonable, and necessary conditions set forth under the applicable federal law. The non-salary costs, e.g., meals, lodging, transportation, etc., must conform to the guidelines and amounts for travelers set forth in this Section (Section F). In addition, the salary costs must be actually incurred and reasonable, based on the normal market rates for these services.

Determination of a reasonable accommodation and the costs associated with the accommodation depend heavily on individual circumstances. Specific questions concerning the application of this section should be directed to the agency's affirmative action officer or legal counsel.

## Section F – 14.04

### **14.04 Payment for Unauthorized Travel Prohibited**

Pursuant to s. 20.916(6), Wis. Stats., payment of travel expenses not authorized by statute is prohibited. Any unauthorized payment made shall be recoverable as debt from the person to whom the payment was made.

### **14.05 Primary References to DOA's Statutory Responsibility Relative to Audit of Travel Claims**

See ss. 16.53, 20.916 and 20.917, Wis. Stats. Note that s. 16.53 (12), Wis. Stats., specifically states that DOA may not approve payment for any travel vouchers that exceed the maximum travel schedule amounts recommended by OSER and approved by JCOER, except in unusual circumstances when accompanied by a receipt and full explanation of the reasonableness of such expense. This same reference also prohibits payment approval of any travel claim for mileage in excess of the auto rates established by OSER (with approval of JCOER).

### **14.06 Penalty for Filing Fraudulent Travel Claim**

See ss. 16.53(1)(c), 939.50(3) and 946.12(4), Wis. Stats.

### **14.07 Advancement of Travel Expenses**

The appointing authority or designee may advance money for travel expenses to employees. The travel advance shall not exceed 80% of the estimated expense (see s. 16.53(1)(cm), Wis. Stats.).