TO: Heads of Federal Agencies

SUBJECT: Relocation Allowances—Standard Mileage Rate for Moving Purposes

1. What is the purpose of this bulletin? This bulletin informs agencies that on June 23, 2011, the IRS announced a 4.5 cent increase in the Standard Mileage Rate for moving purposes from 19 cents to 23.5 cents per mile. This new Standard Mileage Rate for moving purposes is effective July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, and applies to relocations undertaken by Federal employees using a privately owned vehicle (POV) during this time period.

2. What is the background of this bulletin? On December 11, 2007, GSA published FTR Amendment 2007-06 in the Federal Register (72 FR 70234), specifying that the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for moving purposes would be the rate at which agencies will reimburse an employee for using a POV for relocation worldwide. The amendment indicated that the change to the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for moving purposes applied to relocations on and after September 25, 2007, and that GSA would publish a bulletin announcing any changes to that rate made by the IRS on an intermittent basis.

3. Who should I call for further information? For further information, contact Mr. Ed Davis, Office of Governmentwide Policy (M), Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management (MT), General Services Administration at (202) 208-7638 or via e-mail at ed.davis@gsa.gov.

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