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 December 9, 2011, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that the Standard Mileage Rate for moving purposes will be $0.23 cents per mile. This new Standard Mileage Rate for moving purposes is effective January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. Thus, the reimbursement rate for privately owned vehicles (POV) used in conjunction with official relocation will also be $0.23 for the same period.

2. What is the background of this bulletin? U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) published FTR Amendments 2007-03, June 27, 2007 (72 FR 35187) and 2007-06, December 11, 2007 (72 FR 70234), in the Federal Register 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. These amendments 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 post a bulletin announcing any changes to that rate made by the IRS thereafter.

3. Whom should I call for further information? For further information, contact Mr. Ed Davis, Office of Government-wide Policy (M), Office of Asset and Transportation Management (MA), at (202) 208-7638 or via e-mail at ed.davis@gsa.gov.

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