

#### Commission Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity, and Small Business

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# Strengthening Our Workforce Through Diversity and Inclusion

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"Trust men [and women] and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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- Office of Small Business and Civil Rights
- Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
- Region III
- EEO Advisory Committees' Joint Statement

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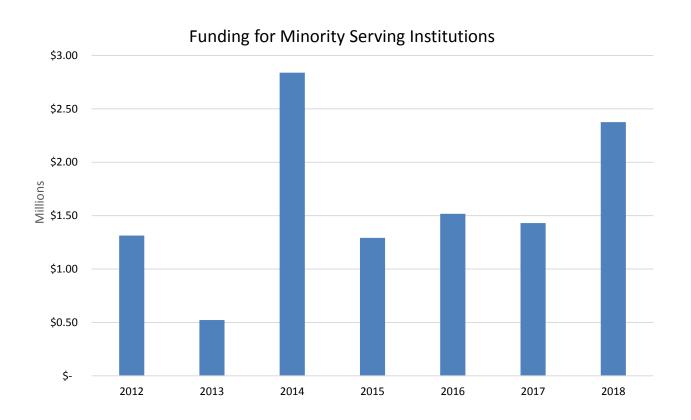
Pamela R. Baker, Director Office of Small Business and Civil Rights

#### Continuing Excellence for Small Business

- FY2017 SBA Score Card: A+
- Strategies for Success:
  - HUBZone Event in Partnership with Region IV
  - Technical Assistance Fuels Certification
- FY2018 Performance 40+%:
  - 5 of 5 Goals-Including HUBZone
  - Women Owned- 27% historical achievement

### Outreach Through The Minority Serving Institutions Program

- MSI Representation in IUP Awards
- White House Initiative for HBCU Competitiveness:
  - FY2018 Plan of Agency Priorities
  - Annual Conference and Workshop
- Tribal Outreach/Assistance



### Bolstering the Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities

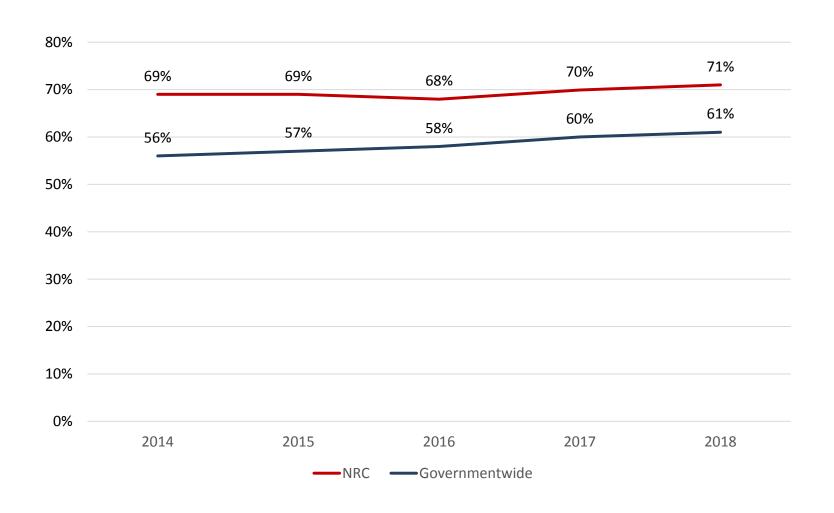
- 501 Rule for Disability Employment:
  - Affirmative Action Plan
  - Revised Reasonable
     Accommodations Procedures
  - Personal Assistance Services

#### **Enhancing Internal Representation**

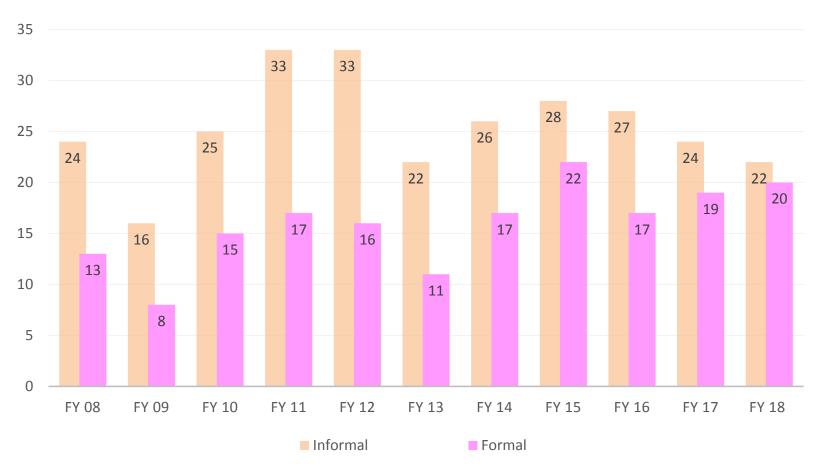
- Diverse Panel Reviews: CXO, White House Fellow and SES CDP
- Expanding DIALOGUE
- Privilege Walk Exercise: Raising Awareness of Bias

#### **Measuring Success**

- Comprehensive Diversity Management Plan
- Diversity and Inclusion → FOCSE



#### **Monitoring Complaint Activity**



**Informal** and Formal EEO Complaints FY 2008 – FY 2018

#### Shifting from Reactive to Proactive

- EEOC 2016 Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment
- Encouraging Respectful Behavior with Anti-Harassment Training:
  - Compliance
  - Reporting Channels
  - By-stander Intervention

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John Lubinski, Deputy Director,
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### Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response Staff



# Promoting a Professional Environment for Employees to Elevate Concerns

Piloted Staff-Level Training to Emphasize Respect and Cooperation

- Partnered with OGC, OCHCO, and SBCR
- Innovated Beyond Traditional Management-Only Audience Training on NRC Antiharassment Policy
- Conducted Small-Group Discussions

#### Promoting Fairness, Empowerment, Respect, and Consistency Between All Levels of Management and Staff

**Build and Enhance Trust** 

- Learned and Implemented More Transparent Communications
- Learned to Engage Disengaged Staff Members
- Identified and Reversed Costly Behaviors
- Consider All Views in Decision Making
   SECY-18-0076 "Options For Physical Security For Light-Water Small Modular Reactors And Non-Light-Water Reactors" August 1, 2018 (ML18052B032)

### Headquarters Operations Officers (HOOs) and Regional Operations Officers (ROOs)



### Maintaining Incident Response Readiness

Enhanced Coordination Among Response Operations Staff

- Built Relationships, Including Across Physical Boundaries
- Focused on Unique Challenges of Response Operations Staff
- Implemented Teamwork Strategies
- Aligned Management on Multiple Levels

# Strengthening Our Workplace Through Diversity & Inclusion

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Region III, Deputy Regional Administrator

#### Navigating Our Engagement Journey

#### Where Have We Been – A lot of Effort!

VISION: To foster an engaged culture where everyone feels valued and motivated to do their best work and contribute to the mission



Region III Vision and Strategy 2015-2018

Region III

Diversity **DIALOGUE Project** 

2017

Increased Telework

Region III Spotlight

**RA & Divisional Open Forums** 

Staffing Resources Bulletin Board

**FEVS** 

**FEVS** Idea Cloud

Transition to

2015

**Engagement Plan** and Engagement Council

CIE Action Plan/Division Plans

Culture Improvement Effort (CIE) - 2014 FEVS Fall 2014

Appraisal Discussion Tool & Training for Supervisors

2016

**FEVS** 



Safety Culture & Climate Survey





#### **Establishment of Engagement Council**

#### Diverse Group that:

- Meets Bi-Weekly
- Monitors Staff Engagement
- Develops/Reviews
   Recommendations for Workplace
   Improvement

Engagement Council for Region III

### Successfully Implementing Engagement Initiatives

Idea Cloud



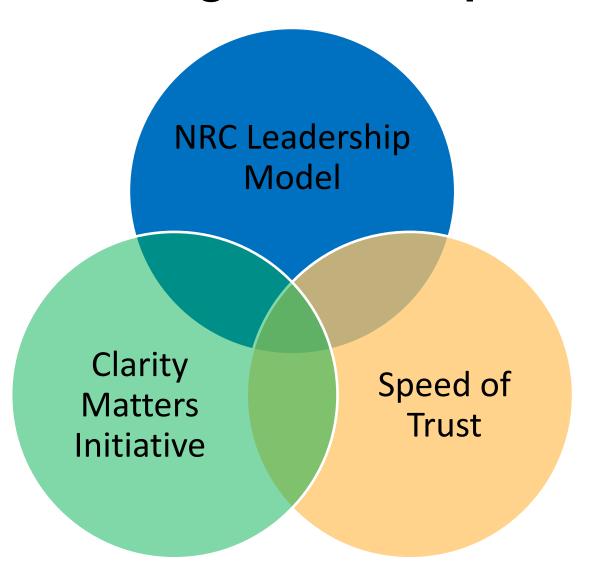
Staffing Resource
Bulletin Board



Online portal to submit innovative ideas (anonymously or otherwise)

Website to advertise special projects and assignments

#### Interconnecting Leadership Initiatives



#### **Embracing Our Diverse Culture**

- Diversity Management Advisory Committee
- Special Emphasis Programs
  - Region III Diversity Day Celebration
  - Black History Month
  - Women's History Month
  - Asian Pacific American Luncheons
  - LGBT Safe Zone Training
  - Guacamole Challenge (Cinco de Mayo)



#### Facilitating a Team Environment

- Open, Collaborative Work Environment
- Communication Initiatives
- NTEU Engagement





#### Recognizing Staff Performance



- Incentive Awards: Group, Individual, Special Act or Service, Time-Off, Non-Monetary
- Recent MVP Award Recipients: John Cassidy, Senior Health Physicist, and John Ellegood, Senior Resident at D.C. Cook



#### Developing Staff for the Future

- Temp Promotions/Rotational Assignments/Double Encumbering
- Knowledge Management Activities
- In-house Courses







# Strategic Recruiting to Enhance Diversity

- Offers to Minorities and Women
- Offers to Veterans
- University Champions
- Support To Minority Serving Institutions





### Reaching Out to Community/ Stakeholders

- Engaging Tribal Communities
- Supporting the Japan Nuclear Regulation Authority (JNRA)
- STEM Outreach Activities Region III (SOAR!) Program

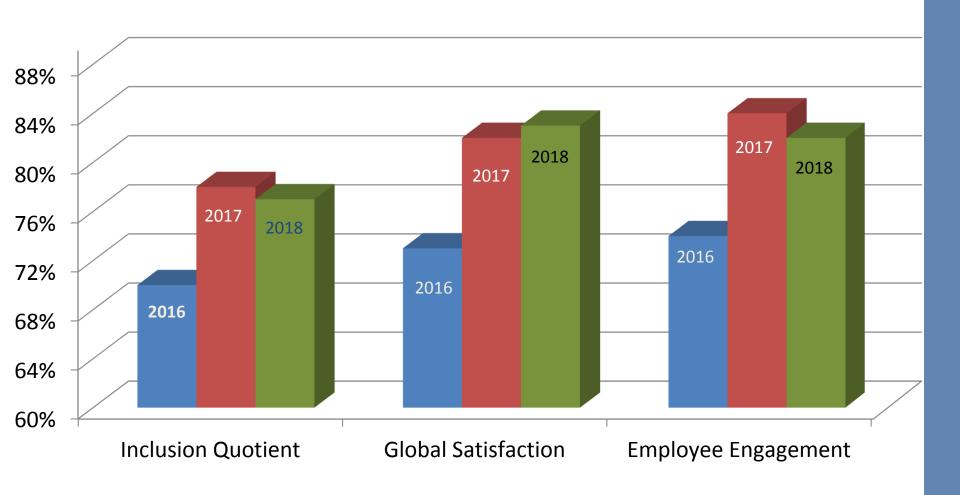
2017-2018 – 22 Outreach Events with 24 different NRC staff members participation







#### Measuring Engagement Efforts (FEVS)



# High-Performing Workforce Valuing and Respecting Diversity

- Staff Ensuring Safety/Security
- Staff Supporting Emergency Response Efforts
- Staff Supporting Key Agency Initiatives





#### The Region III Family



2018 Region III Cancer Awareness Day

### EEO Advisory Committees Joint Statement

Trish Gallalee, Vice Chair Advisory Committee for Employees with Disabilities (ACED)



















# Navigating Transformation with Unique Perspectives

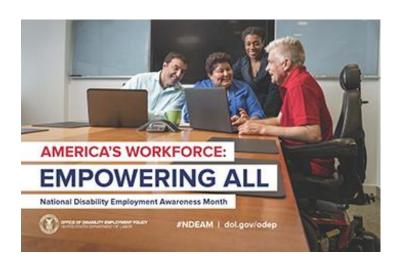
- Collaborating to strengthen our workplace through diversity and inclusion
- Engaging with leaders to provide unique perspectives and contributions to the transformation dialogue
- Ensuring diversity and inclusion remains ingrained in our culture



#### Focusing on Career Development

- Continue focus on providing opportunities for staff professional and skill development
- Ensure the NRC builds diversity-focused external relationships with institutions and other resources now for future recruiting efforts





# Opportunities for Staff Professional and Skill Development

- "Preparing for the Senior Executive Service (SES)" presented by HEPAC
- "Challenge, Context, Actions, Results (CCAR) Model Writing Workshop" a collaborative effort with OCHCO, FWPAC, NTWN, HEPAC, ACED, & DACA
- "The Art of The Possible" presented by ACAA and NAAC
- "Understanding the Reasonable Accommodations Process" presented by ACED and DACA

#### Managing External Conversation's Impact on Workplace Behavior and Culture

- Continue efforts to ensure that NRC maintains a safe and accommodating workplace
- Foster positive conversations and dialogue to address external issues that impact the workplace behavior and culture

### Providing Opportunities for Workplace Behavior and Culture Conversations

- "Domestic Violence Awareness" presented by FWPAC
- "National Museum of the American Indian" Tour coordinated by NAAC
- "Tools and Tips to Transform Your Unconscious Biases" in partnership APAAC, FWPAC, and the Aspiring Leaders Network
- Month-long recognition events to celebrate, educate, and highlight employment challenges presented by each of the advisory committees and resource groups



#### Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Employment, and Small Business



#### Acronyms

**ACAA** - Advisory Committee for African Americans

**ACED** - Advisory Committee for Employees with Disabilities

ACLGBT - Advisory Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Employees

**APAAC** - Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee

**CXO** - Office of the Executive Councils Fellows Program

**DACA** - Diversity Advisory Committee on Ageism

#### **Acronyms**

- **DIALOGUE –** Diversity Inclusion Awareness, Leading Organizational Growth, Understanding and Engagement
- **EEO** Equal Employment Opportunity
- **EEOC** Equal Employment Opportunity
- Commission
- **FEVS** Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey
- FWPAC Federal Women's Program Advisory
- Committee
- **HBCU** Historically Black College and University
- **HEPAC -** Hispanic Employment Program Advisory Committee

#### Acronyms

IUP – Integrated Universities Program

MSI – Minority Serving Institutions Program

NAAC - Native American Advisory Committee

SBA - Small Business Administration

SES CDP – Senior Executive Service Career

Development Program

VERG - Veterans Employee Resource Group