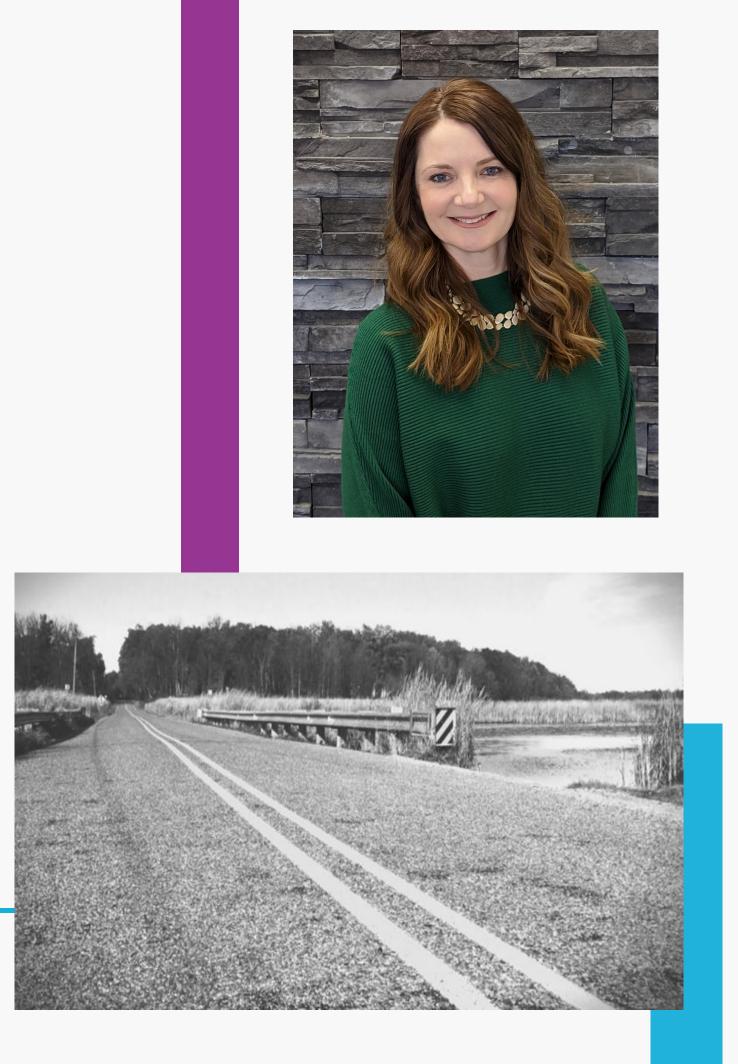
Mid-Year OFCCP Update:

What Can Employers Expect As The Election Draws Near?

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Introduction

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Presentation Overview

- OFCCP Leadership Changes
- OFCCP's Top Priorities for 2020
- Lessons Learned from Focused Reviews
- Compliance Review Trends
- Key Takeaways





Changes in Leadership

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2020 Changes in OFCCP Leadership

- February 2020: OFCCP Director Craig Leen nominated to serve as Inspector General at OPM
- Patricia Davidson joins as Career Deputy Director
- Other OFCCP Leadership Changes:
 - Melissa Spear Acting Director of Enforcement
 - Bob LaJeunesse Acting Deputy Director of Enforcement
 and Branch Chief of Expert Services
 - Margaret Kraak now Acting Deputy Director of DPO
 - Williams Crews now Acting Branch Chief for FAAPs
 - Nakisha Pugh former FAAP Branch Chief now at ODEP
 - August 2019: Marcus Stergio hired as Ombudsman





OFCCP's Top Priorities for 2020 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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FY20 OFCCP Activity

- Impact of COVID-19 on OFCCP operations
- All regions now using updated Case Management System
- Pace of audits from March 2019 Scheduling List has been much slower than expected
 - No audits from November 2019 Scheduling List have been scheduled



FY20 OFCCP Activity

- 6 financial and 22 non-financial conciliation lacksquareagreements posted on OFCCP website for FY 2020
 - 4 hiring discrimination cases
 - 1 ERCA for hiring discrimination
 - 1 ERCA for pay discrimination
 - Various technical violations



FY20 OFCCP Priorities

- Finalizing revisions to Scheduling Letters and Itemized Listings
- Finalizing revisions to Disability Self-Identification Form
- Finalizing religious exemption NPRM
- Town Hall Action Plan



FY20 OFCCP Priorities

- More efficient compliance reviews, with desk audit completion in 45 days or less
- Institutionalizing current practices
 - Updates to FCCM in late December 2019
 - Finalizing NPRM to codify current resolution procedures and add expedited conciliation option



Anticipated 2020 OFCCP Activity

- New CSAL list to be released in early Summer?
- Contractor verification/certification program?
- Promotion Focused Reviews? Other types of Focused **Reviews**?
- Promised further guidance on compensation discrimination evaluations





Lessons Learned from Focused Reviews

OFCCP Section 503 Focused Reviews

- Huge learning curve for OFCCP
- Most onsites have been 1-2 days
- Helpful to tell a robust story about your efforts to recruit and retain individuals with disabilities





OFCCP Section 503 Focused Reviews

Areas of Focus

- Voluntary Self-Identification Process
- Employee Resurvey and "Response rates"
- Recruitment and application process
- Outreach Assessment and number of referrals
- Accommodation process
- FMLA, leave and disability process
- Flexible workplace and parental leave policies
- Employee resource groups
- Best practices that can be shared with other federal contractors





Compliance Review Trends

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Compliance Review Trends

- Requesting an extension of time
- Submitting update data
- Focus on workforce analysis
- Section 503 and VEVRAA Compliance in all reviews, not just focused reviews



Compliance Review Trends

- More transparency than prior reviews, but contractors often have to ask
- Application of practical significant testing to OFCCP analysis
- Treatment of personnel activity preliminary indicators
- Continued aggregation of employees into large pay analysis groups
 - AAP Job Groups, EEO-1 Categories
 - 10 to 1 and Rule of 5



Key Takeaways

- Plan to develop timely annual and update AAPs
- Expect compliance reviews to (hopefully) move faster
- Continued use of the Early Resolution Procedures
- OFCCP will continue to focus on Section 503 and VEVRAA Compliance





Key Takeaways

- Focus on compensation will continue
 - Aggregation of data into larger pay analysis groups
- Focus on wrapping up regulatory proposals before November 2020
- And..... this could all change because it is an election year









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