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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY

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- Updated outdated and broken URL links throughout document

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this instruction is to outline the delegation of authority for National Weather Service (NWS) Property Officials.

2. Levels of Authority

NOAA lists and defines authorized property management positions as:

Property Managers are the individuals assigned to coordinating all NWS property management activities, including, but not limited to:

- Providing guidance to property officials to ensure that purchases of accountable property and acceptance of transferred accountable property are recorded in a timely manner in Sunflower;
- Submit the monthly Unreconciled Payments Report (UPR) Certification to NOAA Property Management Officer (PMO);
- Respond to NOAA Personal Property Management Branch (PPMB) data calls as required (i.e. Spare Parts, Deferred Maintenance, Heritage Assets, etc.);
- Assist NWS personnel in reconciling open UPR matters;
- Attend mandatory Monthly UPR Meeting with PMO in person or by conference call;
- Assist the PAOs and PCs with any Document Level Adjustment (DLA) requests;
- Coordinate and ensure Physical Inventories are completed with less than 2% loss variance;
- Process Inventory Certifications in a timely manner;

- Oversee the submission of Board of Review (BOR)/Special BOR packages for lost, missing, or stolen assets;
- Ensure that BOR/Special BOR packages are correct and in compliance with PPMB policy;
- Assist Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) managers to ensure capitalized property is reported as soon as possible after the asset is placed in service;
- Provide guidance in the drafting and preparing of Congressional Notification Letter(s) for the disposal of capitalized assets;
- Ensure PAOs and PCs are informed on PPMB policies, procedures, training, and current events;
- Request assignment of new PAO and PC areas for the line office in writing;
- Maintain PAO and PC appointment letters;
- Provide guidance to PAOs and PCs on property certifications and refresher training requirements;
- Maintain training records for all personal property officials;
- Provide supervisor with dashboard information to assist in evaluating PAOs and PCs performance;
- Coordinate the annual validation of property official's critical elements in performance plans;
- Assist PAOs and PCs with the disposal of excess property;
- Assist PAOs and PCs with loaning of property;
- Attend Quarterly Property Management Officer meetings in person or by conference call;
- Collaborate with assigned Line Office Representative (LOR) to manage NWS in accordance with the PPMB policies and procedures;
- Attend weekly LOR meetings in person or by conference call.

Property Accountability Officer (PAO) is an individual responsible for the effective administration and maintenance of the property control and accountability system within the accountability area for which he/she has been assigned. Detailed list of PAO responsibilities located at <https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/ocao/lod/noaa-personal-property-management-branch/responsibilities-of-noaa-property-representatives>

Property Custodian (PC) is an individual who has the authority and responsibility for the immediate physical custody of all personal property under their control and within their custodial area. Detailed list of PC responsibilities located at: <https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/ocao/lod/noaa-personal-property-management-branch/responsibilities-of-noaa-property-representatives>

Headquarters and regional office directors appoint the PAO by submitting the PAO Certification Form to the NWS Property Manager (Appendix A). The PAO role is held by an individual in upper management due to the high level of responsibility.

The PAO may not re-delegate their role. Those in “Acting” positions that inherit the PAO responsibilities will not be able to perform tasks in the property management system unless a PAO certification form is submitted.

The PAO appoints one or more PCs per branch within the office by submitting the PC Certification Form (Appendix B) to the NWS Property Manager. The PC may not redelegate their role. Those in “Acting” positions that inherit the PC responsibilities will not be able to perform tasks in the property management system unless a PC certification form is submitted.

Property Contact (Contact) may be assigned by a Property Custodian to assist with the “hands-on” work such as entering request actions in the Personal Property Management System, assisting the custodian with annual inventories and property record keeping. This is an assigned role in Sunflower as the Point of Contact (POC), however all assets within the custodial area are the responsibility of the Property Custodian and the user assigned to each asset. To assign a Contact to a custodial area, the PC sends the NWS Property Manager an email request with the information found in section 3.

Contractors may be assigned as Contact by a Property Custodian to assist with the management of custodial area property by submitting all requirements as established by the NOAA Property Management Officer (PMO) in NOAA PMO Bulletin #001:

<https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/ocao/lod/noaa-personal-property-management-branch/responsibilities-of-noaa-property-representatives> and outlined in section 3.

3. Procedures for Delegation of Authority

Any employee delegated with these responsibilities signs a certification form that corresponds to the responsibility and submits the PAO and/or PC certification form (Appendix A and Appendix B) to the NWS Property Manager (NWS PM).

Grade level determinations for either the PAO or PC can be found in the Department of Commerce Personal Property Management Manual, Chapter 1.104 sections a. and b.

<https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/ocao/lod/noaa-personal-property-management-branch/responsibilities-of-noaa-property-representatives> as follows: The grade level determination of these positions should be established based on the responsibility level that an employee holds and the complexity and value of the personal property in which they are assigned.

It is recommended that PAOs are GS- 13/14 and PCs are GS-9/12, or equivalent pay band.

Critical Elements are to be included in all performance plans. NOAA guidance for critical elements and language can be found at:

http://www.pps.noaa.gov/property_officials_critical_elements/

- Five-Level System Five-Level performance plans must be documented on the CD-430: <https://www.commerce.gov/hr/resources/forms>. The maximum number of elements in five-level plans is five. The property element for each function may be weighted no less than 15%.
 - Property Element Language:
https://secure.wfm.noaa.gov/noaa_only/perfmgmt/5LevelReqCritElemProp.pdf
- Two-Level System Two-Level performance plans must be documented on the CD516: <https://www.commerce.gov/hr/resources/forms>. The maximum number of elements in two-level plans is five. Critical elements are not weighted within the two-level system, however the Performance Indicators must be modified to account for the evaluation standards mandated by DOC.
 - Property Element Language: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iLHh3tUY_fMNm5HB_Dsut4TglvfgXyE9o/view

To Establish a PAO (minimum GS13 Level): Complete PAO Appointment Letter form (Appendix A), sign/date, and scan with all training certificates and review acknowledgements as one .pdf file and send via email to the NWS Property Manager:

- Government Ethics for Custodians – DOC General Counsel (print name and date on Certificate)
- NOAA Personal Property Training - Sunflower (CLC)
- Personal Property Management Concepts (CLC)
- UPR Training (CLC)
- CD-50 Training (CLC)
- NOAA National Disposal Plan Review
- CD-52 – Retirement of Assets User Guide Review and Acknowledgement
- Joint Inventory Certification signed by both the incoming & outgoing custodian and the PAO
- Review of NWSI 1-708 NWS Personal Property Management Instructional

To Establish a PC (minimum GS9 Level):

- Custodial Area Number: 54
- New Custodian:
- Property Custodian's Name as it appears in the NOAA Locator:
- Property Custodian's NOAA email address:
- Property Custodian's Phone No. and Ext.:
- Attach PC Appointment Form (completed, signed/dated) and training certs as one pdf file and send to the NWS Property Manager Obadiah.Aguilar@noaa.gov

- Government Ethics for Custodians – DOC General Counsel (print name and date on Certificate) or DOC Government Ethics for Property Custodians (CLC)
- NOAA Personal Property Training - Sunflower (CLC)
- Personal Property Management Concepts (CLC)
- UPR Training (CLC)
- CD-50 Training (CLC)
- NOAA National Disposal Plan Review Acknowledgement and
- CD-52 – Retirement of Assets User Guide Review Acknowledgement
- Review of NWSI 1-708 NWS Personal Property Management Instructional Signature of acknowledgement and, if the PAO has additional written instructions, acknowledgement of having reviewed them.

To Assign a Property Contact (grade level at the discretion of the supervisor):

- Custodial Area Number: 54
- Custodian:
- Contact's Name as it appears in the NOAA Locator:
- Contact's NOAA email address:
- Contact's Phone No. and Ext.:
- Attach training certs as one .pdf file
- Government Ethics for Custodians – DOC General Counsel (print name and date on Certificate)
- NOAA Personal Property Training - Sunflower (CLC)
- Personal Property Management Concepts (CLC)
- UPR Training (CLC)
- CD-50 Training (CLC)
- NOAA National Disposal Plan Review and Acknowledgement
- CD-52 – Retirement of Assets User Guide Review and Acknowledgement
- Review of NWSI 1-708 NWS Personal Property Management Instructional

To Assign a Contractor as Property Contact:

- Custodial Area Number: 54
- Custodian:
- Contact's Name as it appears in the NOAA Locator:
- Contact's NOAA email address:
- Contact's Phone No. and Ext.:
- Attach training certs as one .pdf file
 - Government Ethics for Custodians – DOC General Counsel (print name and date on Certificate)
 - NOAA Personal Property Training - Sunflower (CLC)
 - Personal Property Management Concepts (CLC)

- UPR Training (CLC)
 - CD-50 Training (CLC)
 - NOAA National Disposal Plan Review and Acknowledgement
 - CD-52 – Retirement of Assets User Guide Review and Acknowledgement
 - Review of NWSI 1-708 NWS Personal Property Management Instructional

 - Provide a copy of the Contractor’s Statement of Work (SOW) that confirms that the Contractor has been hired as an inventory support personnel with duties that require entering and processing accountable personal property within the Personal Property Management System.

 - Provide a memorandum defining the Contractor’s duties. Memorandum must reflect SOW language and note detailed SOW contractual requirements that would require PPMS data entry.

 - Provide a completed Property Contact Approval Letter signed by the Contracting Officer Representative, Property Custodian, Property Accountability Officer, and Property Manager.
- Send to NWS Property Manager Obadiah.Aguilar@noaa.gov.

4. Training Requirements

Training for All Property Officials (PAOs/PCs/Contacts) is mandatory for the initial appointment and modified for the annual refresher requirements. PAOs are responsible for ensuring that all mandatory training requirements are met (initially and annual refresher). PAOs are responsible for ensuring tracking completions, and collect and retain all training completion certificates of the PCs within their area of responsibility. (Property Custodian’s training certificates must be provided to the PAO and NWS Property Manager to assign the Property Custodian initially. Property Official’s refresher training certificates may be retained at the local office.) All training certificates of completion are to be made promptly available upon request and recorded in accordance with the NWS PMs instructions.

The NWS Supervisors, NWS Property Manager, and/or the NWS PAO may require additional training as deemed necessary based on PAO, PC, and Contact’s performance and compliance regarding adhering to DOC/NOAA PPMB policies and procedures and NWS instructions. Training requirements and additional training information can be found on the NOAA PPMB website at: http://www.pps.noaa.gov/training_and_education/

- Initial Appointment:
 - Government Ethics for Custodians – DOC General Counsel (print name and date on Certificate)
 - NOAA Personal Property Training - Sunflower (CLC)

- Personal Property Management Concepts (CLC)
- UPR Training (CLC)
- CD-50 Create/Update Assets Training (CLC)
- CD-52 – Retirement of Assets User Guide Review and Acknowledgement
- Annual Mandatory Refresher Training:
 - Choose ONE of the following courses:
 - One of 14 Modules Only: NOAA Personal Property Training - Sunflower (CLC)
 - Personal Property Management Concepts (CLC)
 - Bureau-specific approved Personal Property Management System training (NOAA PPMB webinar certificate)

References

NOAA Personal Property Website:

<http://www.pps.noaa.gov>

NOAA Property Policy:

http://www.pps.noaa.gov/personal_property_policies_procedures/

Roles and Responsibilities and Grade Level Requirements for Property Officials:

<https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/ocao/lod/noaa-personal-property-management-branch/responsibilities-of-noaa-property-representatives>

PAO Roles and Responsibilities:

<https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/ocao/lod/noaa-personal-property-management-branch/responsibilities-of-noaa-property-representatives>

Joint Inventories Procedures:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BnYK6omNRD9r_4J0Fwdzzmy6pzKU5wjH/view

Training:

http://www.pps.noaa.gov/training_and_education/

APPENDIX A – NWS Appointment Certification Form for Property Accountability Officers

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER APPOINTMENT LETTER

(Revised 01/2011 - Previous versions are obsolete and will not be accepted.)

PAO NUMBER: [] OFFICE NAME: []
NAME: [] BLDG.: [] STATION: []
PHONE NUMBER: [] TITLE: [] MAIL CODE: []
GRADE LEVEL: [] EMAIL ADDRESS: []

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER (APPOINTEE):
THIS CERTIFIES THAT I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACCEPT ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PERSONAL PROPERTY HANDBOOK, WITHIN MY DESIGNATED AREA OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANNUAL PHYSICAL INVENTORIES WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN MY AREA OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECONCILED WITH PROPERTY RECORDS.
I OFFICIALLY ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL FORMALLY RELIEVED.
[]
(PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER'S SUPERVISOR (APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY):
I AFFIRM THAT CRITICAL ELEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND ADDED TO PERFORMANCE PLAN. (NWS PAOs affirm that their Property Responsibilities are included within an Element in their Performance Plans)
[]
(PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY MANAGER:
[]
(PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER:
[]
(PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

Bargaining Unit Status (Circle One) BU or NON-BU Organization Code: 54-20-[]
Critical Element Weight: []% Performance Plan (Circle One): 2 L or 5 T

APPENDIX B – NWS Appointment Certification Form for Property Custodians

PROPERTY CUSTODIAN APPOINTMENT LETTER

(Revised 01/2011 – Previous versions are obsolete and will not be accepted.)

CUSTODIAL AREA: 54 OFFICE NAME: _____
 NAME: _____ BLDG.: _____ STATION: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____ TITLE: _____ MAIL CODE: _____
 GRADE LEVEL: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY CUSTODIAN (APPOINTEE):

THIS CERTIFIES THAT I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACCEPT ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ACCOUNTABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PERSONAL PROPERTY HANDBOOK, WITHIN MY DESIGNATED AREA OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY/CUSTODIAL ORGANIZATION.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANNUAL PHYSICAL INVENTORIES WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN MY AREA OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECONCILED WITH PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORDS.

ALL ASSETS ASSIGNED WITHIN MY CUSTODIAL AREA WILL HAVE CURRENT USERS ASSIGNED AND THAT THOSE ASSETS WHERE A CURRENT USER IS NOT OR CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED, WILL HAVE MY NAME AS THE CURRENT USER IN THE PERSONAL PROPERTY SYSTEM.

I OFFICIALLY ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL FORMALLY RELIEVED.

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY CUSTODIAN'S SUPERVISOR (APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY):

I AFFIRM THAT CRITICAL ELEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND ADDED TO PERFORMANCE PLAN. (NWS Custodians affirm that their Property Responsibilities are included within an Element in their Performance Plans)

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER:

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY MANAGER:

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

Bargaining Unit (BU) Employee or Non-BU: _____ Critical Element Weight%: _____
 Performance Plan 5T or 2L: _____ Org Code: 54-20- _____
 If there is a POC assigned to this area already, please print POC name here: _____

APPENDIX C – Contractor POC Appointment Form

CONTRACTOR PROPERTY CONTACT APPROVAL LETTER

CUSTODIAL AREA: _____ OFFICE NAME: _____

NAME: _____ BLDG.: _____ STATION: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ TITLE: _____ MAIL CODE: _____

CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE: AGREE DISAGREE

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY CUSTODIAN: AGREE DISAGREE

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER: AGREE DISAGREE

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY MANAGER: AGREE DISAGREE

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

PROPERTY CONTACT:

I ACCEPT THE ROLE OF PROPERTY CONTACT WITHIN THE PERSONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE PROPERTY CUSTODIAN IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES. MY ROLE AS A PROPERTY CONTACT SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE PROPERTY CUSTODIAN OF ANY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

AS A PROPERTY CONTACT, THE LEVEL OF MY SUPPORT AND PROPERTY RELATED FUNCTIONS SHALL BE DETAILED IN THE STATEMENT OF WORK. MY LEVEL OF SUPPORT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SCOPE OF MY CONTRACT.

 (PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME) (SIGNATURE) (DATE)