

ARTICLE 50 LOCAL SUPPLEMENTS

Section 50.01 – General. The parties agree that any supplements to this Agreement shall not delete, modify, or otherwise nullify any provision, policy, or procedure in this Agreement; nor shall any provision in a supplement be in conflict with or duplicate any provision of this Agreement, Statute or regulation of the Department, Government-wide regulation, or outside authority binding on Management. All supplements shall be a part of and subject to the terms and control of this Agreement and shall simultaneously terminate with this Agreement.

Section 50.02 - Ground Rules. The ground rules for negotiations contained in Article 47 apply. However, the number of participants may be increased by mutual agreement.

Section 50.03 - Resolution of Bargaining Disputes. If the parties at the Local level disagree as to whether a subject is to be included in the supplement, or if they fail to reach agreement on a local issue, the parties shall refer the matter to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). If agreement cannot be reached through FMCS, the issues may be referred to the Federal Services Impasse Panel (FSIP). Disputes regarding negotiability may be referred to the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA). When one of the options above is chosen, the contested issue shall be suspended pending resolution.

Section 50.04 - Dates and Distribution. Local Supplements may contain effective and terminations dates, but may not terminate later than this contract. Distribution will be addressed in the Local Supplement.

Section 50.05 - Enforcement. An alleged violation of the terms of a supplement to this Agreement shall be subject to resolution under the appropriate contractual, regulatory, or statutory procedures.