



Department of Transformation and Shared Services

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The Honorable David Wallace, Co-Chairperson  
 The Honorable Jim Wooten, Co-Chairperson  
 Uniform Personnel Classification and  
 Compensation Plan Subcommittee  
 Arkansas Legislative Council  
 State Capitol Building, Room 315  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Senator Wallace and Representative Wooten:

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) submits a request from the Arkansas Disability Determination for Social Security Administration (DDSSA) for your review.

The Arkansas Disability Determination for Social Security Administration (DDSSA) is requesting ninety-two (92) positions from the OPM growth pool established by Ark. Code Ann. §21-5-225(a)(1). The classification requested positions are listed below:

**CLASSIFICATIONS REQUESTED**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Number</u>
DDSSA Adjudicator V	X207C	GS10	\$56,039 - \$81,256	75
DDSSA Section Managers	G233C	GS11	\$62,531 - \$90,669	2
DDSSA Adjudicative Specialist	X201C	GS05	\$32,405 - \$46,987	10
DDSSA Unit Supervisor	G112C	GS10	\$56,039 - \$81,256	5

**JUSTIFICATION**

Due to the current situation in our country, Social Security Administration (SSA) anticipates a significant national increase of Federal Social Security disability cases in many states, as well as Arkansas. In order to fulfill the request to hire 120 additional adjudicators and staff, DDSSA would need 92 pool positions. These positions would be 100% federally funded and provide employment opportunities for college graduates. There will be no additional cost to the state.

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The Office of Personnel Management has reviewed this request and **recommends** the approval of ninety-two (92) positions from the OPM growth pool. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Kay Barnhill, Director  
Office of Personnel Management



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