

### Incentive/Bonus, Performance or Recognition: Finding the Right Solution for Your Organization

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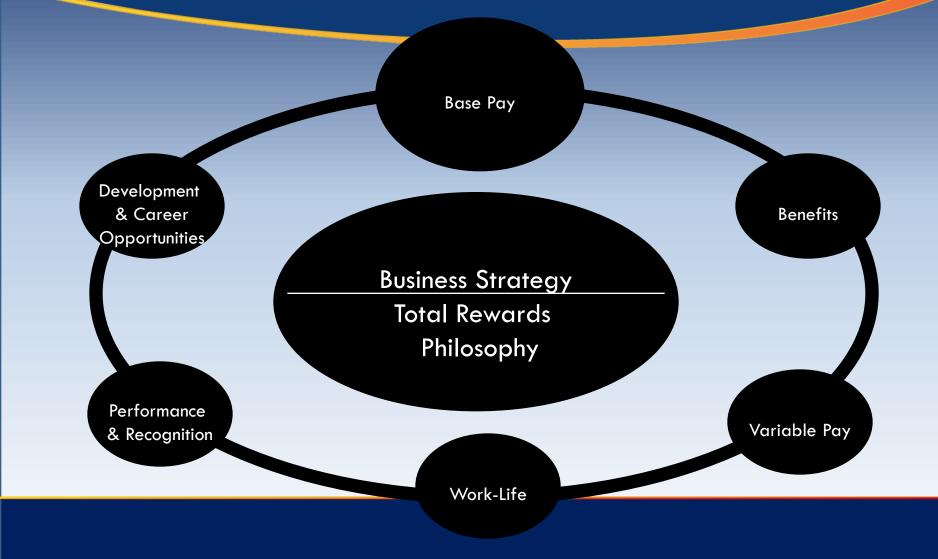


### **On Your Toes**



### **Total Rewards Model**

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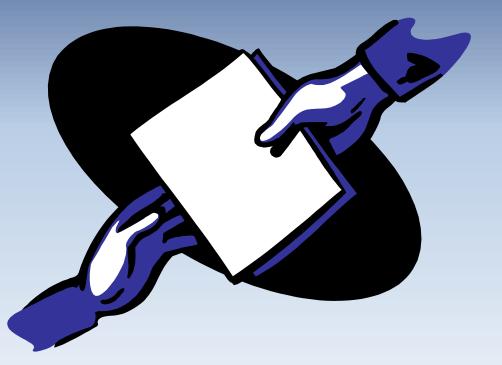


### Just so We're All on the Same Page

### Incentives/Bonus

• Performance

Recognition





### What is Variable Pay?

- Direct cash compensation
- Not part of base pay
- Can vary in amount
- Other terms
  - Incentives
  - Bonuses
  - Commission
  - Cash awards





### Why Variable Pay?

- More/less risk for the organization
- Increases/cuts costs for the organization
- Increases/decreases employee engagement
- Drives benefits costs up/down



### **Short Term Variable Pay**

- Any period of time up to two years
- Usually monetary
- Management establishes a pre-determined performance formula
- If achieved, distribution is automatic
- Focus on defined objectives
- Underscore short term business needs



### Long Term Variable Pay

- Rewards long term results, usually two to five years
- Can be cash or equity (stock)
- Promotes strategic focus
- Short term results may not be optimal
- Annual measures may be incomplete
- Balances employee perspective



## What Every Variable Pay Plan Should Have

- Alignment with the organization's business strategy
- Eligibility clearly stated
- A good "line of sight"
- Begin and end dates





### What Every Variable Pay Plan Should Have

- Disclaimer language
- Measurable targets
- Funding
- A comprehensive communication plan







# Does the merit increase really pay for performance?

# MSEC Performance Management Process



Documentation

Follow-Up

Feedback

Preparing for and Conducting the Appraisal



### Setting the Stage for Success From Day One

#### **Expectations**

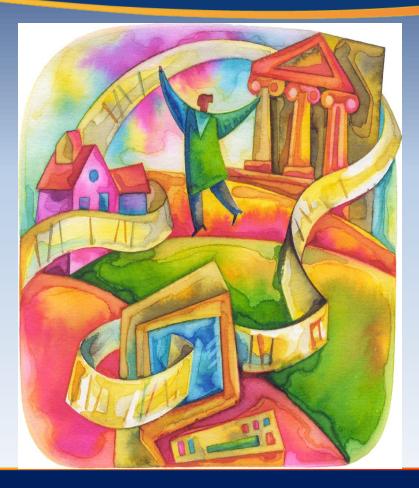
What am I supposed to do?

How well am I supposed to do it?

How does this relate to the organization?



### What Can Recognition Do for You?





## The Business Case for Employee Recognition

#### Provide strategic focus

- Show measurable results between non-cash awards and improved performance
- Use as recruiting and engagement tools
- Achieve a pre-determined level of job performance
- Help managers play a pivotal role



### **Building Recognition**

- Develop clear nomination and selection criteria
- Include a description of what the employee did to deserve the nomination
- Create a recognition team
- Allow for multiple recipients
- Change it up quarterly, semi-annually



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