Appointee Selection Process by Level of Appointee

	SOURCES	VETTING	RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION	TIMING
Cabinet-level and key deputies	 Typically well-known within political circles Former administrative officials NGO and business leaders outside government Campaign/transition staff Other supporters and advisors of President 	 Initial public vet Deep post- election vet FBI b/g check pre- Senate hearings OGE public financial disclosure form 	 President and 4-5 key advisors New Cabinet-level nominees as well for their key Deputies 	Within a month of election
Other Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries	 See above Input from agency review teams 	 Initial public vet Less deep post- election vet by personnel team FBI b/g check pre- Senate hearings OGE public financial disclosure form 	Personnel teamNew agency heads	 Many between election and Inauguration Some post- Inauguration
Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Non-career SES and Schedule Cs	 Input from agency review teams Campaign/transition staff Other supporters and advisors of President 	 Initial vet FBI, OPM b/g check, OGE public financial disclosure form 	New agency heads PPO	Some formal transitioning Most later, after new agency heads confirmed
White House personnel	 Key campaign and transition staff Other supports and advisors to president, COS Former administrative officials 	 Initial vet Varies by position FBI, OPM b/g check, OGE public financial disclosure form 	 President and 4-5 key advisors Incoming Chief of Staff 	Within a week of election



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