## **RATING CRITERIA DEFINITIONS**

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Outstanding	<ul> <li>Designates a select group of exceptional and outstanding performers and indicates special or distinguished achievement</li> <li>Continually goes beyond the requirements as defined by the competency model or results-based goals (e.g., significantly surpasses the target goals in quantity and quality; achieves additional goals beyond those established)</li> <li>Employee is performing exceptionally well. Should be considered for accelerated career opportunities (progression/promotion) and/or significant assignments</li> </ul>
Exceeds	<ul> <li>Designates those employees who perform high quality work, exceeding standards/ expectations</li> <li>Exceeds the requirements as defined by the competency model or results-based goals (e.g., substantially exceeds the target goals in quantity and quality)</li> <li>Employee is performing very well. Should be considered for accelerated career opportunities (progression/promotion) and/or significant assignments</li> </ul>
Effective	<ul> <li>Designates employees who effectively meet all standards/expectations</li> <li>Fully meets all requirements as defined by the competency model or results-based goals (e.g., achieves target goals in quantity and quality)</li> <li>Employee is performing well. Should be considered for career opportunities (progression) and/or other assignments</li> </ul>
Needs Improvement	<ul> <li>Designates employees who meet many, but not all standards/expectations</li> <li>Meets a majority of the requirements as defined by the competency model or results-based goals but needs improvement in certain areas (e.g., does not achieve all target goals in quantity and quality)</li> <li>Employee has an ability to progress. Should be placed on a performance plan that is focused on defined development areas</li> </ul>

