FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON 55-A PROGRAM

If you are granted the 55-A status, are you now covered as a non-competitive employee?
Yes

What happens if you are pure provisional, can you be granted the 55-A status?
Yes

If you are in a provisional title, you took a test and passed it, you are called from the list, are you still covered under 55-A?
No, you are now a competitive class civil service employee.

Is there a time limitation on holding a 55-A status position?
No

Is there a limit to the number of 55-A status position?
Yes there is a limit to the number of 55-A status positions and that number is subject to change.

Can you be promoted if you were granted the 55-A status?
Yes, however if you are appointed from a civil service list you lose your 55-A status.

How does 55-A correlate to lay-offs?
As a 55-A employee you can be laid off.

Is there a seniority or juniority protocol for 55-A that has to be followed with regards to lay-offs/termination?
Yes

Can I be terminated if I have 55-A status?
Yes

Would I have better protection with the 55-A program or with a permanent competitive civil service title?
You would have better protection with a permanent competitive civil service title.