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Theory: Reinforcement can control behavior.

- Desitive reinforcement: provides rewards for high performance. Examples: Bonus, promotion, oral compliment.
- Negative reinforcement: motivates employees by encouraging them to behave in a manner that avoids unfavorable consequences. Examples: Job termination, reprimand.

## **Guidelines to Motivation**

### Employee will:

- contribution.
- Not be satisfied with compensation alone.
- Be motivated if they can gain a reward.

## Employer should:

- Compare compensation and Ensure compensation is proportionate to contribution.
  - Ensure employees have other needs met: respect, self-esteem, etc.
  - · Motivate using positive reinforcement.

## Key Characteristics Affecting Job Satisfaction

- Money or compensation programs.
- Security.
- Work schedule.
- Employee involvement programs.



# **OMerit system**Raise according to merit. **OAcross-the-board system**All employees get similar raise. **Incentive plans**Various forms of compensation based on specific performance.

# Characteristics of a Compensation Program

- Align compensation plan with business goals.
- Align compensation with specific employee goals.
- Establish achievable goals for employees.
- Allow employee input on compensation plan.

## Flexible Work Schedule (Flextime Programs)

- · Compressed work week
  - Compresses the work load into fewer days per week.
  - Main purpose is to allow employees to have threeday weekends.
- Job sharing
  - Two or more people share a particular full-time (40 hour) work schedule.
  - This allows employees to work part-time. Many of these employees do not want to work full-time.

# **Employee Involvement Programs**

- Job enlargement.
- Job rotation.
- Empowerment.
- Teamwork.
- Open-book management.

# Methods Used to Enhance Job Satisfaction

Method	Description
Adequate compensation program	<ul> <li>Align raises with performance.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Align bonuses with performance.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Provide stock as partial compensation.</li> </ul>
Job security	<ul> <li>Encourage employees to have a long-term commitment to the firm.</li> </ul>
Flexible work schedule	<ul> <li>Allow employees flexibility on the timing of their work schedules.</li> </ul>
Employee involvement programs	<ul> <li>Implement job enlargement.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Implement job rotation.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Implement empowerment and participative management.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Implement teamwork.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Implement open-book management.</li> </ul>
	Exhibit 10.9

Methods Used to Enhance Job Satisfaction		
Firm	Methods Used to Achieve High Job Satisfaction	
Southwest Airlines	<ul> <li>Treats employees with respect.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Empowers employees to solve problems.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Gives awards and recognition to employees.</li> </ul>	
MBNA	<ul> <li>Focuses on hiring employees who get along with other people.</li> </ul>	
	Provides on-site child care.	
Microsoft	<ul> <li>Casual work environment.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Empowers employees to solve problems.</li> </ul>	
Eddie Bauer	<ul> <li>Two-week paid sick leave for new parents.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Flexible work schedules.</li> </ul>	
	Exhibit 10.10	