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FMCS Receives a Top Ranking Among Federal “Best Places to Work”

WASHINGTON, DC – For a second time, the U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) received a top rating today among small agencies as being one of the best places to work in the federal government, according to the Partnership for Public Service.

FMCS headed the list of small agencies in the 2007 rankings of the “Best Places to Work in the Federal Government” as rated by the nonprofit, nonpartisan group, which released its rankings of federal workplaces today. The rankings are based on responses from more than 221,000 federal workers in 283 federal organizations. Agencies are ranked based on the responses of their own employees to the government-wide, Federal Human Capital Survey conducted by the Office of Personnel Management.

The Agency was also top-ranked among small agencies in 2005, based on the previous OPM survey. The rankings began in 2003, and are conducted every other year.

This year’s rankings were released at a Thursday luncheon event at the Marriott at Metro Center. FMCS was recognized for its number one overall ranking. The agency also achieved the highest score in several individual categories, including “employee skills/mission match” and “training and development.” The agency achieved second-place rankings in “strategic management,” “effective leadership,” and “support for diversity,” based on employee responses to survey questions.

“FMCS is truly a special place for its employees, and we are delighted at this recognition,” said FMCS Director Arthur F. Rosenfeld. “This is a workplace that encourages and rewards high standards. You can’t work here very long before being overwhelmed by a contagious spirit of helpfulness and teamwork that you find everywhere in the Agency, along with a strong sense of mission.”

Complete 2007 rankings and information about the survey are available at the Partnership for Public Service Web site at <http://bestplacestowork.org>.

The U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and 69 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.

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