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## FMCS AWARDS GRANTS TO PROMOTE LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION

**WASHINGTON, DC**— The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service recently awarded labor-management grants to the City of Tamarac, Florida and the Bronze Craft Corporation of Nashua, New Hampshire. FMCS grants promote labor-management cooperation between employers and unions and are awarded on a quarterly basis to labor-management organizations that work collaboratively in solving workplace issues.

The City of Tamarac, Florida, faced with the need to improve safety and reduce injuries on the job, formed the Tamarac Employee Safety Committee Strain/Sprain Injury Reduction Program. This program, which includes members from two labor unions and Tamarac City representatives, seeks to improve communication about safety and to implement safety procedures that lower the risk of injuries to staff. The Tamarac program received \$93,352 in FMCS grant funding.

The Bronze Craft Corporation Joint Labor-Management Committee received a \$36,753 FMCS grant to support labor-management collaboration on plant work safety issues. The company manufactures a variety of metal castings, window hardware, grave markers, piano pedals and floor registers.

The FMCS grants program, established in fiscal year 1981, continues to fund labor-management programs that benefit employers and their unionized workforces. Grantees may receive up to \$125,000 for area, industry and public sector categories, and up to \$65,000 for plant/company categories. The program currently is accepting grant applications. For more details, visit the Agency website: [www.fmcs.gov](http://www.fmcs.gov)

*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.*