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UAW President Bob King To Deliver Key Speech At First FMCS Health Care Bargaining Seminar

WASHINGTON, DC – FMCS Director George Cohen today announced that UAW President Bob King will be the featured luncheon speaker in Chicago on November 3 for the first of three FMCS-sponsored seminars on health care issues in collective bargaining.

The special one-day seminar in Chicago will kick off a special Agency outreach to labor and management representatives to encourage cooperation and collaboration in bargaining on health care issues.

Mr. King was elected UAW president in June at the UAW's 35th Constitutional Convention in Detroit. Known for his activism and strong advocacy on behalf of social and economic justice, Mr. King has served three terms as a UAW vice president. Before his election to the UAW's top position, he played a major role in both the UAW Ford 2007 National Agreement and the 2009 modifications of the agreement.

The UAW president joins a distinguished line up of experts on health care issues on the program in Chicago. Presenters at the morning session will include Richard Trumka, President, AFL-CIO (by video); Gerald Shea, Assistant to the President for External Affairs, AFL-CIO; Arthur Smith, Jr., Counsel, United States Chamber of Commerce; James Franczek, Jr., Franczek Radelet; Jill Hurst, Deputy Chief of Staff, Service Employees International Union; Andrew Kramer, Esquire, Jones Day; David Blumenstein, National Director and Senior Vice President, The Segal Company; Pat Peri, Jr., National Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Christopher Blass, Vice President and National Director, Kaiser Permanente; Steven Wojcik, Vice President, Public Policy, National Business Group on Health.

Presenters during the afternoon session will include: Charles McCrary, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alabama Power Company; Lindell Lee, Secretary-Treasurer, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Daniel Ratner, Local 1199, SEIU/Counsel, United Healthcare Workers East; and Robert Linn, Linn & Logan, Consulting, Inc./Consultant to League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes of New York.

The FMCS outreach will highlight the success of cooperative labor-management efforts in health care benefits bargaining and is intended to educate unions and employers regarding best practices in addressing health care issues.

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The program for unions and employers will be offered again in New York City on December 1 and in San Francisco on December 15. The FMCS seminar in each city will feature a group of expert presenters.

The November 3 seminar in Chicago will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile (300 E. Ohio), commencing at 9 a.m. (Central Time). The December 1 seminar in New York City will take place at the Edison Ballroom, 240 W. 47th St. In San Francisco, the December 15 seminar is set for the Parc 55 Wyndham hotel on Union Square.

The seminar in each city will include continental breakfast and a lunch, according to the FMCS. The Agency is charging a \$75 registration fee to defray its costs. Advance, online registration is required. Labor relations practitioners can register for Chicago, New York or San Francisco at <http://www.fmcs.gov/secure/conf/ConfForm.asp?c=1> on the FMCS website.

The 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 more than 67 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.



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Seminar Schedule At-a-Glance

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	I. Opening Remarks George Cohen, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
9:15 – 10:45 a.m.	II. Key National Leaders Agree: Labor Management Cooperation is Critical <i>Moderator:</i> George Cohen Richard Trumka — President, AFL-CIO (by video) Gerald Shea — Assistant to the President for External Affairs, AFL-CIO Arthur Smith, Jr. — Counsel, United States Chamber of Commerce James Franczek, Jr. — Franczek Radelet Jill Hurst — Deputy Chief of Staff, Service Employees International Union Andrew Kramer, Esquire — Jones Day
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	III. The Providers & Experts Agree: Joint Design Works Best <i>Moderator:</i> Allison Beck, Deputy Director, National & International Programs, FMCS David Blumenstein — National Director & Senior Vice President, The Segal Company Pat Peri, Jr. — National Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield Christopher Blass — Vice President & National Director, Labor & Trust Sales & Account Management, Kaiser Permanente Steven Wojcik — Vice President, Public Policy, National Business Group on Health
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Bob King, President, UAW
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	IV. The Competitive Edge: Practicing Joint Solutions to Control Costs & Improve Relationships <i>Moderator:</i> Scot Beckenbaugh, Deputy Director, Mediation Services & Field Programs, FMCS Charles McCrary — President & CEO, Alabama Power Company Lindell Lee — Secretary-Treasurer, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Daniel Ratner — Local 1199, SEIU/Counsel, United Healthcare Workers East Robert Linn — Linn & Logan, Consulting, Inc. / Consultant to League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes of New York
3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks George Cohen

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