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## **FMCS Labor-Management Grants Program Accepts Applications for FY 2011**

**WASHINGTON, DC**– The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service has opened its labor-management grants application period for fiscal year 2011.

Grants are awarded by the Agency to promote best practices in labor-management cooperation as a way of improving collective bargaining and proactively mitigating labor-management disputes. The grant program supports the establishment and operation of joint labor-management committees at the company level, on a community or area-wide basis, within a particular industry, and for public sector employees.

The FMCS is particularly interested in receiving grant proposals on several specific topics this fiscal year. The topics of interest are: Health Care, Diversity, Education, “Green” jobs, and On-The-Job Safety. FMCS continues to encourage committees to submit proposals addressing other labor-management concerns.

Grant applications may be submitted until May 31, 2011. Application information about how to apply can be obtained online at the agency’s Web site---[www.fmcs.gov](http://www.fmcs.gov). Interested parties are urged to contact the FMCS Grants Office at (202) 606-8181 with any questions they might have.

FMCS Director George H. Cohen said the continued success of Agency grants demonstrates the benefits of labor-management cooperation. “The FMCS grants program promotes labor-management peace and encourages pro-active problem solving. Over the years, it has provided numerous opportunities to strengthen relationships and introduce innovative tools and programs in many sectors where resources may not have otherwise been available to do so,” Cohen said.

“We look forward to receiving additional applications this year as a growing number of committees in the health care, public education reform issues, green jobs and other industrial sectors partner to help create a more stable framework for labor-management cooperation in this country.”

The grants program, which began in 1981 under the authority of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (PL 95-524), has funded a broad range of projects including outreach, communications, strategic planning, minority recruitment and process development.

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*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 68 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.*