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## **FMCS Statement on Agreement Between the Chicago Symphony Orchestra And the Chicago Federation of Musicians**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Allison Beck, Director of the U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), announced today that representatives of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Federation of Musicians have reached a tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement under the auspices of FMCS mediators.

The parties are not commenting regarding details of the agreement until both sides have ratified the new contract later this week.

As is Agency practice, the FMCS also is not releasing information about the contract until the ratification process has been completed.

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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 more than 60 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.*