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## FMCS Again Ranks Among Best Workplaces In Small and Independent Federal Agencies

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** —The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) again this year ranks among the top small or independent agencies as one of the best places to work in the Federal government, according to survey results released by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The survey, officially the 2014 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) Government-wide Management Report, is administered by OPM annually, and illuminates employees' opinions about their jobs, working conditions, their supervisors and their leadership.

"I am extremely proud that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service has again been recognized among the best places to work in the Federal government," said FMCS Acting Director Allison Beck. "FMCS employees are devoted to the Agency's standards of excellence and vital mission -- helping federal, public and private sector workplaces manage conflict and deliver improved products and services to their customers. This recognition is demonstrative of a workplace that encourages a spirit of teamwork and public service, and it validates our continuing emphasis, both with the customers we serve and our dedicated employees, on open communications, transparency, and joint problem-solving."

The 2014 FEVS was administered from April to June 2014, with 392,752 employees from 82 agencies participating. It provides agencies with insights to help them better understand employee trends.

The FMCS achieved high scores and ranked among the top five finishers among small and independent agencies in key individual categories, specifically "global satisfaction," which measures overall employee satisfaction, and "new IQ," which measures agency inclusiveness and openness, based on employee responses to survey questions.

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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.