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MSPB EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA WIN TWO CFC AWARDS

Employees in the National Capital Area offices of the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) have been honored with two special awards for their outstanding participation in the 1999 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The awards recognize the efforts of the 127 employees in the Board's Washington, DC, headquarters and the Washington Regional Office (WRO), located in Falls Church, Virginia.

MSPB employees received both the Pacesetter Award and the President's Award. The Pacesetter Award recognizes an increase of 3.5 percent or greater, compared to the previous year, in the total amount of contributions. MSPB employees in the National Capital Area were the first to cross this 3.5 percent threshold. In addition, with contributions totaling almost \$35,000, MSPB employees achieved an increase of 10 percent over the total for 1998—almost three times the percentage increase required for this recognition.

The President's Award is given for achieving an average employee contribution of \$275 or more or a participation rate of 75 percent or greater. MSPB employees qualified on both counts in 1999.

"These awards are a testament to the generosity and community involvement of MSPB employees," said Acting Board Chairman Beth S. Slavet. "We can be justly proud of winning either of the awards, but to be honored with both is an exceptional achievement. Considering the small number of our local agency employees and the number of agencies participating in the CFC's National Capital Area, the MSPB employees' efforts are remarkable. I extend my appreciation and congratulations to our employees, as well as to our CFC managers and key workers in the 1999 campaign at MSPB."

The Office of the General Counsel at Board headquarters managed the 1999 CFC program for MSPB's National Capital Area offices. The campaign manager was Bonnie L. Meyo, Administrative Officer.

Acting Chairman Slavet noted that several of the agency's other regional and field offices around the country also received awards for their contributions and participation levels from regional CFC organizations, including offices in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Dallas, Seattle, and Boston.

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