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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB) PARTICIPATES IN
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM) FORUM SERIES**

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, MSPB senior staff members participated in an OPM Forum focusing on the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, its policy and practice. Presenters from the MSPB included James Eisenmann, General Counsel, James Read, Director of the Office of Appeals Counsel, and Deborah Miron, Director of Regional Operations.

Mr. Eisenmann addressed MSPB policy and direction under the leadership of Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann. Ms. Miron and Mr. Read explained MSPB processing of cases in the regional and field offices and at headquarters. They also provided information on MSPB's Mediation Appeals Program, other alternative dispute resolution efforts, and the e-Appeal Online electronic filing system. They did not comment on specific cases that currently are pending at the MSPB.

The U.S. Merit System Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, non-partisan, quasi-judicial agency with responsibility for deciding Federal employee appeals from management action taken against them and for protecting the integrity of the civil service and other Federal merit systems. The MSPB also conducts studies of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch.