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## U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB) RELEASES MOBILE APPLICATIONS FOR IPHONE AND ANDROID SMARTPHONES

The MSPB announces the release of our mobile applications for Apple's iPhone and smartphones using Google's Android operating system. The "apps" are free to download and they are available now in iTunes and Android Marketplace. Both applications use MSPB's existing really simple syndication (RSS) feeds to provide smartphone users with on-the-go access to the latest MSPB decisions, weekly case reports, studies, *Issues of Merit* newsletters, and press releases. The apps also allow users to search decisions, review the merit system principles, "like" or "favorite" documents for reference, share documents using social media like Twitter and Facebook, and follow our Twitter feed (@USMSPB).

The iPhone version includes a comment feature whereby users of the application can comment on documents and those comments are visible to other users. The app currently is not optimized for iPad. The Android version integrates with e-readers like iBooks to store documents on a user's bookshelf for reading later. Although not optimized for Android tablet devices, the smartphone version renders well on them.

Future updates already are being planned, and we welcome users' feedback via email to [mspb@mspb.gov](mailto:mspb@mspb.gov), via Twitter, or through the apps themselves using the Help feature which links to [www.mspb.gov/contact/techsupport.htm](http://www.mspb.gov/contact/techsupport.htm).

Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann commented, "Our mobile apps further demonstrate MSPB's commitment to transparency and outreach, making the agency, its processes, and its products available to our constituencies wherever they are—including on their smartphones. This isn't the end of the road for us in terms of using technology and content, so please continue to give us your feedback."

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