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**MSPB CONGRATULATES MARK A. ROBBINS,
NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD**

Mark A. Robbins was sworn in as Member of the Board of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) on May 16, 2012. He was nominated by President Obama on December 5, 2011 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 26, 2012. Mr. Robbins is serving the remainder of the 7-year term that will expire on March 1, 2018.

Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann welcomed Mr. Robbins, stating, "I am delighted that Mark has joined the Board. His experience and talents are considerable, and we are fortunate to have him at the agency. I look forward to working with Mark in the years ahead."

Vice Chairman Anne Wagner commented, "I join Chairman Grundmann in warmly welcoming Mark Robbins as a Board Member. It is good to have a full complement of Board Members again, and we look forward to working with Mark and his office."

Upon being sworn in, Mr. Robbins expressed, "I am honored by the President's nomination and the Senate's confirmation, and excited to begin working with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and staff of the MSPB. MSPB has an important mission, which all of us take very seriously."

At the time of his nomination, Mr. Robbins was the General Counsel of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. In that capacity, Mr. Robbins worked to certify elections systems and maintain information on the best practices of conducting elections. He previously served as a Senior Rule of Law Advisor for the State Department in Babil Province, Iraq. Mr. Robbins also served as Executive Director of the White House Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board between 2006 and 2008 and as General Counsel of the Office of Personnel Management from 2001 to 2006. He worked in private practice as a litigation attorney in Los Angeles, California between 1988 and 2000, and in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel from 1984 to 1988.

Mr. Robbins earned his undergraduate degree and his law degree from George Washington University.

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency whose mission is to protect the Merit System Principles and promote an effective Federal workforce free of Prohibited Personnel Practices.