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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB) ANNOUNCES THE 2010 MERIT PRINCIPLES SURVEY

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is pleased to announce the upcoming administration of its 2010 Merit Principles Survey (MPS). MSPB conducts this periodic survey to elicit views on the soundness of Federal merit systems. MSPB has conducted the survey since 1983 as part of its statutory oversight responsibilities [5 U.S.C. 1204(a)(3) and 5 U.S.C. 1204(e)(3)].

The Federal Government is facing many workforce challenges in the years ahead, and the results of this survey will help the President, Congress, and other Federal decision-makers develop policies that support both merit and our agency's mission. Federal employees have an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns, thereby informing workforce management policy and practices through this survey.

The MSPB plans to administer the 2010 Merit Principles Survey to approximately 80,000 employees, including managers, in the Federal Government in late June 2010. In addition, Federal agencies and major unions are being informed of the survey and are encouraged to support Federal employee participation.

This survey effort will focus on prohibited personnel practices and whistleblower protections issues, along with other workplace issues that impact employees' abilities to carry out the missions of their agency. As we did in the 2007 MPS, the 2010 survey will be administered via the web. Participation is voluntary and responses will be kept strictly confidential by our survey staff. We will post a summary report of the survey results on the MSPB website (www.mspb.gov) and also make print versions available to the public by request.

The U.S. Merit System Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency that protects Federal merit systems and the rights of individuals within those systems. The MSPB also conducts studies of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch. To request a printed copy of OPE reports, email STUDIES@mspb.gov; call (202) 653-6772, ext 1350; or write to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Office of Policy and Evaluation, 1615 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20419.

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