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THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB) HOSTS REPRESENTATIVES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY GROUPS

At an informal meeting held on July 15, 2010, MSPB Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann, Vice Chairman Anne Wagner, and Member Mary Rose hosted representatives of nonprofit, nonpartisan, good government groups. Included among the organizations attending were members of the Coalition for Effective Change, the Government Accountability Project, the National Academy of Public Administration, the Partnership for Public Service, the Project on Government Oversight, and the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. The missions of these organizations are dedicated to improving the openness, effectiveness, and efficiency of the Federal government.

At the meeting, the Board Members and senior managers shared information about MSPB programs and current initiatives. A question and answer period followed in which the Board Members heard the representatives' concerns and learned what actions MSPB could take to address them.

Chairman Grundmann expressed her desire to establish a continuing dialogue between the MSPB and good government groups, and to work collaboratively. "This is the fourth in a series of outreach efforts the agency has held with stakeholders in an effort to promote the impartiality and transparency of MSPB's adjudicatory and studies functions. The Board Members and I look forward to additional constructive dialogue."

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.