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MSPB ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann of the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) announces two Senior Executive appointments at MSPB headquarters and the Dallas Regional Office. James M. Read is appointed today as the Director of the Office of Policy & Evaluation (OPE). Laura M. Albornoz became Regional Director and Chief Administrative Judge of the Dallas Regional Office on November 4, 2013.

Mr. Read is an attorney and career Senior Executive at MSPB, where he has held a variety of positions including Chief Counsel to Chairman Neil McPhie, Director of the Office of Appeals Counsel, and, most recently, Senior Counsel to Board Member Mark Robbins. In recent years, Mr. Read has served on inter-agency assignments as Special Counsel for Personnel with the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys and Special Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's whistleblower protection program. Mr. Read received his B.A. from Hamilton College and his J.D. from George Washington University and began his legal career clerking for the Chief Judge of the Court of Federal Claims. He is licensed to practice law in New York, Connecticut, and the District of Columbia, and previously served as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Federal Service Labor & Employment Law Committee.

Ms. Albornoz joined MSPB as an Administrative Judge in the Western Regional Office in San Francisco, California, in June 1992, moved to the Denver Field Office in January 1999, and became Chief Administrative Judge of the Denver Field Office in November 2009. Prior to 1992, Ms. Albornoz served as an Assistant District Attorney prosecuting felony criminal cases in Nueces County, Texas, and as a law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Eduardo E. de Ases in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Ms. Albornoz received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Stanford University, studied comparative law at Oxford University in England, and received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas. Ms. Albornoz has

served since 2008 on the faculty of the Office of Personnel Management's Western Management Development Center in Aurora, Colorado.

In making these appointments, Chairman Grundmann stated, "I am delighted that Laura and Jim will continue their service to MSPB and the public in these critical leadership positions. I look forward to their significant contributions to our adjudicatory and studies missions in the years ahead."

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.