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The FLRA Updates its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Regulations in Final Rule.

Today, the Federal Labor Relations Authority (the FLRA) adopted <u>a final rule</u> updating the FLRA's FOIA regulations. The final rule centralizes the intake and processing of FOIA requests for records related to work performed by the three-member Authority component, the Office of General Counsel, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel with the Office of the Solicitor. The Office of the Inspector General will continue to process FOIA requests for records related to work performed by the Inspector General's office.

Due to the decommissioning of FOIAOnline, the current electronic portal for FOIA requests, the <u>final rule</u> also designates FOIAXpress as the new portal for requests. Beginning October 1, 2023, the FLRA will no longer accept FOIA requests through FOIAOnline.

Instructions on using FOIAXpress will be posted online within the next month. Before FOIAXpress becomes operational, <u>the final rule</u> also permits requests to be sent by mail, fax, or email using instructions described <u>here</u>.

For more information on the FLRA's FOIA program, click here.

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The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.2 million of whom are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. It is charged with providing leadership in establishing policies and guidance related to federal sector labor-management relations and with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.