

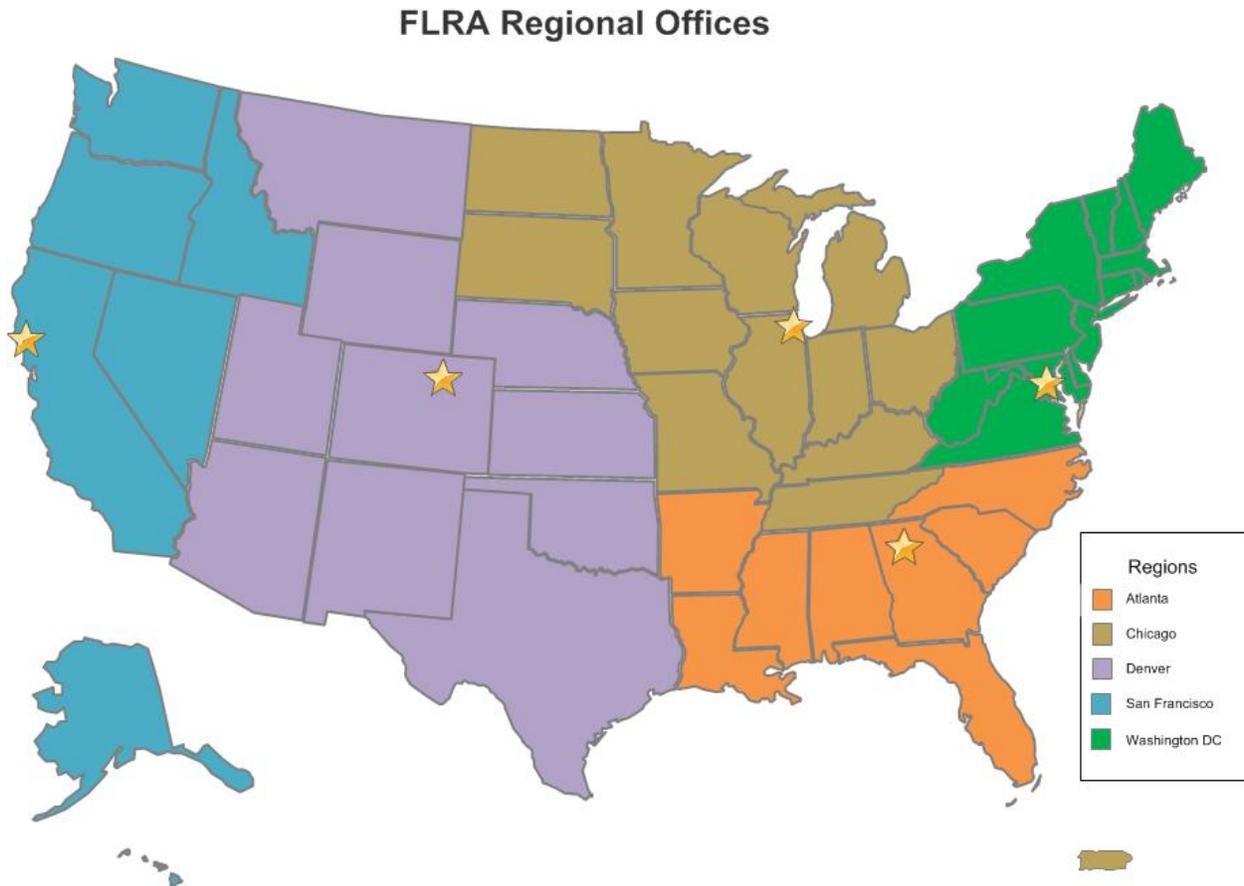
CLOSURE OF THE BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When does the Boston Regional Office (BRO) close?

The Boston Regional Office (BRO) will close on November 16, 2018. This means that, effective on the close of business on November 16, 2018, the BRO will no longer process cases or accept any new cases or case filings. The FLRA announced the closure in the Federal Register on November 1, 2018.

2. Where should I file cases that were previously filed in the BRO?

The FLRA has reassigned the BRO's jurisdiction to its Washington, D.C. and Chicago Regional Directors, as illustrated below:



After November 16, 2018, cases arising in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont should be filed with, and will be handled by, the Washington, D.C. Regional Office.

Cases arising in Puerto Rico should be filed with, and will be handled by, the Chicago Regional Office.

3. What will happen to cases currently pending with the BRO when it closes?

Prior to the BRO's closure, the Boston Acting Regional Director will transfer all pending cases to other Regional Offices as appropriate. The parties to these cases will receive prompt notification of such transfers.

4. How will the BRO's closure affect e-filing?

Upon the BRO's closure, the FLRA's e-filing system will no longer allow parties to e-file with the BRO, and will redirect parties to file cases or pleadings with the appropriate Regional Office.

5. What will happen if I inadvertently file a case by mail or fax with the BRO after it has closed?

While the BRO will not accept any case filings after November 16, 2018, any case filings inadvertently filed after November 16, **but prior to the close of business on November 30, 2018**, will be administratively redirected to the appropriate Region for processing. Accordingly, unfair labor practice charges or representation petitions received by mail, fax, or hand-delivery by the BRO during this time period will be forwarded to the Regional Office having jurisdiction over the matter. After **the close of business on November 30, 2018**, all parties will be solely responsible for ensuring that their filings are sent to the proper Regional Office.

6. Where can I direct questions regarding administrative matters related to the BRO's closure?

General administrative questions may be directed to Kurt Rumsfeld, Assistant General Counsel, FLRA, at krumsfeld@flra.gov or 202-218-7789. Questions regarding pending cases should be directed to the Regional Director of the region handling the case.