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THE FLRA ANNOUNCES FOCUS GROUPS AS PART OF REVIEW AND REVISION OF ITS ARBITRATION REGULATIONS

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) announced today that it will be conducting three focus groups in Washington, D.C. to seek the input of Federal agency and union practitioners who participate in the grievance arbitration process, as well as arbitrators who conduct hearings and issue awards resolving grievances in the Federal sector. The focus groups are just one of a number of ways that the FLRA is seeking the input of stakeholders as part of its initiative to both review and revise the FLRA's arbitration regulations and to provide arbitration training to its customers and arbitrators. "Obtaining the views of the stakeholders is critical to the review process," said FLRA Chairman Carol Waller Pope. This is an exciting initiative building upon years of experience and review that will result in regulatory changes and an educational program – including training sessions and tools – that will make arbitration case processing more effective and efficient.

The FLRA also invites members of the Federal labor-management community during the month of February, to provide ideas and views on the grievance arbitration process, the FLRA's procedures, regulations and decisions, and suggestions for training by sending an email to the FLRA's "Engage the FLRA" email address at engagetheflra@flra.gov.

All focus groups will be held at the **Federal Labor Relations Authority, 1400 K Street, NW, 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20424** on the following dates:

Arbitrator Focus Group

**Thursday, February 18, 2010
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Practitioner Focus Groups

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010
1:00pm – 3:00pm**

and

**Thursday, February 25, 2010
10:00am – 12:00pm**

Anyone interested in participating in a focus group, must register by contacting the FLRA's Case Intake and Publication Office at (202) 218-7740.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 1.6 million non-Postal Federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.1 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.

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