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THE FLRA PROPOSES REVISIONS TO ITS ARBITRATION REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE AND EXPEDITE THE REVIEW OF ARBITRATION AWARDS

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) announced today that it is seeking public comment on proposed revisions to its regulations concerning the review of arbitration awards. *See 75 Fed. Reg. 22540.* This is a significant step in the FLRA's initiative to both review and revise the FLRA's arbitration regulations and create an arbitration education program -- including training sessions and tools -- to make arbitration case processing more effective and efficient. "The proposed regulations represent the first updates to the FLRA's arbitration regulations in nearly 25 years," said FLRA Chairman Carol Waller Pope, "and are yet another step in our efforts to better serve our customers and provide them with meaningful and clear guidance for the processing of cases before the Authority."

The proposed regulations were developed after extensive study and evaluation of the policies and procedures involving the review of arbitration awards. As part of that process, the FLRA solicited input of arbitrators and practitioners by conducting nationwide focus groups, distributing surveys to parties to recent FLRA decisions, and inviting members of the Federal labor-management community to provide ideas and views on the grievance arbitration process as well as the FLRA's procedures, regulations and decisions by sending email to the FLRA's "Engage the FLRA" address.

As set forth in the [Federal Register notice](#), comments to the proposed regulations must be received on or before June 1, 2010, and can be submitted by email to engagetheflra@flra.gov or delivered to the Chief, Case Intake and Publication Office, Federal Labor Relations Authority, Suite 200, 1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20424-0001.

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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