Deadline Approaching for FMCS Labor-Management Grants Applications Due May 31, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC – The deadline to apply for a labor-management grant from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is now less than a month away! Don't miss this chance to launch an innovative program with FMCS seed money while funds are available!

With the challenges of the 21st century workplace upon us, FMCS is looking for proposals that address the transitioning workplace, hiring and retaining new generations of workers, and rapidly advancing technology-based work structures.

In explaining the special emphasis on such proposals, FMCS Director Allison Beck said, "Dramatic shifts in labor market trends, combined with significant labor-management reform activity occurring across many industries and at the city, state, and regional level, require broad, creative and collaborative approaches to workplace problems."

FMCS grants will be awarded in amounts from $50,000 to $400,000, which is a departure from the previous funding cap of $125,000 for geographic or industry-wide committees. Parties with well-qualified proposals should *not* assume that there will be a significantly larger funding pool next year! Any future increase in grant funding is entirely dependent on the FY 2017 Congressional appropriations process.

Detailed information and application training videos are available at this link. For additional information, contact the FMCS Grants Office at 202-606-8181.

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