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FMCS Conducts Over A Million Online Meeting Minutes in 30 Days

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), reached a monumental milestone while exhibiting their flexibility during the COVID-19 health crisis by conducting more than a million minutes of online meetings in 30 days using their primary virtual platform.

In a press release dated March 17, FMCS announced its virtual mediation capabilities in order to carry on its mission providing conflict management, dispute resolution, employment mediation and collective bargaining services following the White House memorandum requiring agencies to offer maximum telework flexibilities during the National Emergency.

The landmark one million minutes was conducted during more than 1,500 webinars and meetings involving almost 30,000 participants.

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The U.S. Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) is the nation's premier public agency for dispute resolution and conflict management. FMCS was created by Congress as a neutral and independent government agency upon enactment of the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947 (Taft-Hartley Act) and mandated to resolve industrial conflict and promote labor-management peace and cooperation, minimizing the impact of these disputes on the free flow of commerce. With headquarters in Washington, D.C. and offices across the country, the agency has a proud track record of decades of effective dispute resolution and conflict management services for employers and unions across industries and work activities in the private, public, and federal sectors. FMCS is also recognized for its success facilitating negotiated rulemaking processes and for its robust employment mediation program in the federal sector as well as its global program, partnering with more than 60 countries to provide international consulting and training. For more on FMCS or to request services, visit www.fmcs.gov