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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB)
SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITS OPEN GOVERNMENT PLAN**

Today, the MSPB published a [Federal Register Notice](#) seeking public comment on its [Open Government Plan](#) (www.mspb.gov/open). The MSPB's Open Government Plan was developed in response to President Obama's January 21, 2009 Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government and the Office of Management and Budget's December 8, 2009 Open Government Directive. The Open Government Initiative (www.whitehouse.gov/open) is predicated on three principles: **Transparency**—Federal agencies are to provide the public with information about government activities; **Participation**—Federal agencies are to provide the public with the opportunity to participate in policy-making; and, **Collaboration**—Federal agencies are to work with and cooperate with all levels of government, non-profit entities, businesses, and with the public.

MSPB Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann stated, "The MSPB strives to be a model agency for openness and transparency in government. It is my hope that our many stakeholders will participate in this opportunity to suggest how we can improve our processes or better meet the needs of those that conduct business with the MSPB."

The public comment period ends May 27, 2010. The public is encouraged to direct comments and suggestions to MSPB's Open Government Working Group at opengovernment@mspb.gov. Address written comments to William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20419.

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