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### **IFPTE's Junemann Appointed by President Obama to New National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations**

*Council composed of top federal managers and select labor leaders will advise executive branch on labor-management relations*

**Washington** – The White House has announced that President Obama has appointed IFPTE President Gregory Junemann to a national council charged with improving labor relations in the federal sector. Junemann is one of only two AFL-CIO leaders appointed to the newly created panel.

The National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations was created in 2009 by executive order. The Council is tasked with advising the President on matters involving labor-management relations in the executive branch. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, John Berry, and the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget, Jeffrey Zients.

“I am truly honored that an IFPTE representative was named to this panel. I believe that it is recognition of the critical role our members play in the Federal Government and the growing presence our union has in numerous government agencies,” said President Junemann.

The 70,000 –member IFPTE is one of the nation’s fastest growing unions and has added significant numbers of federal workers in recent years. The union, which is well known for representing Boeing engineers and engineers at companies like United Airlines and General Electric, has in recent years become the union of choice for many federal employees. Two years ago, the Government Accountability Office’s

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(GAO's) 1,500 analysts voted to affiliate with IFPTE. Early last year, more than 500 employees workers employed at the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC) chose IFPTE. Also last year, the association representing more than 2,500 engineers and technical workers at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) voted to affiliate with IFPTE after considering a number of other international unions. IFPTE also represents NASA scientists, administrative law judges handling immigration, Medicaid and Social Security cases, researchers at the Congressional Research Service and engineers and technicians employed by the nation's four Naval Shipyards as well as the Army Corps of Engineers among other government employees.

“The President has pledged to work more closely with federal workers and their unions. The Council will help to create a better dialogue between management and labor, head off problems before they get out of hand and help to move ideas on improving workplaces into action. This is a world of difference from the Bush Administration where we were more likely to see top managers in court than over a conference table, said Junemann.

The Chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Carol Pope, was designated as an ex-officio member to the Council. Other managers named to the panel are: W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Seth Harris, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Labor; Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; William J. Lynn, III, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Defense; and Neal Wolin, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Treasury.

Labor representatives on the panel include President of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) John Gage who serves with Junemann on the AFL-CIO Executive Council. Other appointees are: Carol A. Bonosaro President of the Senior Executives Association, William Dougan President of the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), Michael B. Filler Director of the Public Services Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), David Holway President of the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), Colleen M. Kelley President of the National Treasury Employees Union. (NTEU).

**Across the nation, IFPTE represents 70,000 highly-skilled, white-collar workers in both the public and private sectors. IFPTE is the fastest growing union in the United States. The union is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO.**