

GAO analysts seek union representation

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Analysts at the Government Accountability Office are trying to organize for the first time in the agency's history.

If the vote is successful, GAO's 1,500 analysts will join the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, the union said in a Jan. 24 release. The analysts complain they are left uninformed about changes to the pay for performance and employee classification systems, among other personnel decisions.

"GAO wants to be a model agency for the rest of the federal sector, but its new personnel system has become a model of what not to do," IFPTE president Greg Juneman said in the statement.

IFPTE represents 80,000 white-collar government and private-sector workers, including NASA scientists, Defense Department engineers, and immigration and administrative law judges.