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May 10, 2007

The Honorable David Walker
Comptroller General of the United States
U.S. Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548-0001

Dear Mr. Walker:

I am forwarding to you a copy of the Representation Petition filed by the GAO Employees Organization, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (Union) filed with the Personnel Appeals Board, Office of the General Counsel (PAB/OGC) on May 8, 2007. Based upon a *prima facie* check of the showing of interest submitted with the Petition, I have made the preliminary determination that the Union has met the 30% showing of interest required under 4 CFR §28.113(a)(7). A final determination with regard to the adequacy of the showing of interest will be made after the Government Accountability Office (GAO or Agency) provides the payroll data requested below.

Pursuant to 4 CFR §28.114(b), I hereby request that you provide the PAB/OGC with the following:

1. Any information in the Agency's possession concerning other potentially interested labor organizations;
2. Copies of relevant correspondence;
3. Copies of any existing or recently expired agreements covering any employees in the unit identified in this Petition;

4. Names and classifications of employees that GAO believes should be included in the unit identified in this Petition;
5. Names and classifications of employees that GAO proposes to exclude from the unit;
6. Data identifying by name all employees in the unit identified in the Petition who were on the GAO payroll for the pay period immediately preceding the filing of the Petition.

For purposes of this request, an "interested labor organization" is defined as having a connection to the employees affected by, or questions presented in, the Petition. See 5 CFR 2422.6(b). The foregoing information must be filed with the PAB/OGC within seven days of GAO receipt of this letter.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Notice that GAO is required to post for ten days pursuant to 4 CFR §28.114(a). Consistent with the practice followed by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, I have determined that GAO will meet this posting requirement by distributing the notice in the manner in which notices are normally distributed to employees. Upon expiration of the 10-day period, GAO must certify to the PAB/OGC as to the time, place and manner of the posting or distribution of the Notice. If the Agency notifies employees by fax or email, the certification must include a copy of the fax and/or email that was sent. If the Agency otherwise physically posts the Notice, the certification must include a signed statement by an appropriate GAO official that the Notice was in fact posted as described in the certification.

Finally, the enclosed designation of representative form must be completed and returned to the PAB/OGC with a copy served upon counsel for Petitioner.

Sincerely,



Anne Wagner
General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Julia L. Akins Clark
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Barbara Simball
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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES**REGARDING****GAO EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION, IFPTE****v.****UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE****Docket No. R-07-01**

On May 8, 2007, the GAO Employees Organization, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (Union) filed a Representation Petition with the Personnel Appeals Board, Office of the General Counsel (PAB/OGC) in order to hold an election to determine the exclusive representative of all permanent employees of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) assigned to a position currently covered by the Analyst Performance-Based Compensation System and whose designated level is Band I or Band II.

You are requested to notify the PAB Office of General Counsel of the existence of any other interested parties to this proceeding.



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