

National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations

Mobile Workforce Work Group

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Work Group Activity Since Last LMR Council Meeting

November 3 – All Work Group meeting at OPM

November 22 – All Work Group conference call

December 10 – All Work Group conference call

December 21 – All Work Group conference call

Recent Efforts Undertaken by Group

- Collection and review of agency policies and collective bargaining agreements on telework
- Review of June OPM report on federal telework
- Review of November OPM report, *Expanding Federal Telework: Overcoming Barriers and Building on Success*
- Review of OPM *Guide to Telework in the Federal Government*
- Review of “Checklist of Criteria” used to assess federal agency telework policies.

Outside Factors Influencing Work Group Activities and Progress

- Passage of the Telework Enhancement Act (P.L. 111-292)
- OPM Guidance to agencies on new law
- Washington, D.C. area dismissal guide, including “unscheduled telework,” issued by OPM

Issues Confronting the Work Group

Variance of perspectives from Council members and Work Group members on working group's core functions

With passage of the Telework legislation, what would be the most advantageous role for the working group to play?

Given time constraints and deadlines, can the working group guide agencies and their unions in implementing the new legislation and implementation of an unscheduled telework policy?

Looking for feedback from Council