

November 5, 2013

Katherine Archuleta, Director Office of Personnel Management 1900 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20415

Dear Ms. Archuleta:

On behalf of the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I am writing to congratulate you on your Senate confirmation as Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). FMA has long enjoyed a close working relationship with OPM, and the Association looks forward to continuing to support and strengthen the federal workforce with you and your staff.

FMA holds a seat of the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations and I continually see the benefits of the Council. Labor-management collaboration has been espoused as an effort to provide a sustainable environment for employees and managers. During this time of federal pay freezes, sequestration, and decreasing morale, it is imperative that all actions are taken to ensure a fully functioning federal workforce.

The federal government's greatest assets are the men and women who devote themselves to serving the interests of the American public. As such, the American public deserves a top-notch, fully engaged federal workforce to effectively address the myriad challenges facing budget-strapped federal agencies and the increased demand for government services. FMA looks forward to working with you to ensure this for the nation and its people.

Congratulations again on your confirmation. We look forward to working with you in your position as Director of OPM, and provide any assistance you might need.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia J. Niehaus National President