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## FEW SIGNS MOUS WITH FOUR FEDERAL AGENCIES

**[Washington, D.C., August 5, 2010]**—The National President of Federally Employed Women (FEW) is pleased to announce that FEW has entered into Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with the **Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Defense Supply Center Philadelphia; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of Personnel Management.**

These signings took place at FEW's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual National Training Program in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12-16, 2010. The purpose of these MOUs is to develop and establish mutual benefits and support between FEW and each individual agency.

The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) was established October 1, 1997, through the consolidation of the former Defense Distribution Regions East and West as a Primary Level Field Activity. The DDC, a combat support organization, has oversight of 25 distribution depots worldwide providing a single, unified material distribution system for the Department of Defense under the Defense Logistics Agency.

The Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia/Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Troop Support's roots traced back to 1800 with the construction of the Schuylkill Arsenal as a warehouse for ammunition and other military supplies. In 1818, the arsenal gave up its ammunition and arms mission to fully dedicate it to manufacturing, storing and distributing clothing and textile materials. In 1965, the Defense Personnel Support Center was officially established, expanding the mission to provide food, medicines and medical supplies. Today DLA Troop Support is a global supply chain integrator, providing a seamless supply system that can be utilized in both peace and wartime operations.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is an independent agency, created in 1933 in response to the thousands of bank failures of the 1920's and early 1930's. FDIC preserves and promotes public confidence in the U.S. financial system by insuring deposits in banks and thrift institutions. Since the start of FDIC insurance on January 1, 1934, no depositor has lost a single cent of insured funds as a result of a failure.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) oversees human resources management for the federal government. In cooperation with federal agencies and other stakeholders, OPM develops policies to recruit, hire and retain a workforce best suited to the mission. OPM oversees the implementation of these policies, including merit principles, veterans' preference, and support agencies by administering retirement, insurance and other benefits' systems for federal employees and annuitants. Also, OPM administers government-wide compensation systems and maintains automated information systems.

FEW President Sue Webster stated, "One of the most rewarding experiences I have had as National President is when I have the opportunity to meet with leaders in agencies that truly get it. They get that employee organizations provide valuable leadership training and resources that are directly applicable to the workplace."

In addition to those agencies listed above, FEW also has MOUs in place with the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Guard Bureau, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and The Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, along with other non-government organizations.

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**About FEW:** Federally Employed Women is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 after Executive Order 11375 was issued that added sex to the forms of prohibited discrimination in the federal government. FEW has grown into a national organization serving over one million federally employed women—both in the military and civilian workforce. FEW's many accomplishments and activities have impacted the federal workplace and contributed to the improved working conditions for all. For more information about FEW, visit [www.few.org](http://www.few.org)

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