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FEW Congratulates President-Elect; Releases Survey Results

(Washington, D.C.) – Federally Employed Women (FEW) congratulated President-Elect Barack Obama as our 44th President and pledged to work with him and his staff on issues of importance to federal workers. “We are very excited to start working with the new Administration and Congress to help enact important legislative initiatives impacting and benefiting federal workers,” stated Sue Webster, FEW’s National President. To view the FEW letter, follow this link (<http://few.org/docs/obamaletter.pdf>).

FEW also released the results of a member survey ranking the organization’s legislative priorities for the 111th Congress. “While FEW will continue working on all of these issues next year, this survey gave us some insight as to which ones our members felt were most important,” advised FEW Vice President for Congressional Relations Cecelia Davis. These issues are:

1. Equal Rights Amendment
2. Unused Sick Leave
3. Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision
4. Rehiring Retirees
5. Diversity in the Senior Executive Service
6. Federal Employment Retirement System Redeposit
7. Paid Parental Leave

“We hope to work closely with the Obama Administration and new Congress in achieving these legislative priorities,” asserted Janet Kopenhaver, FEW’s Washington Representative. “To help the effort, FEW has numerous projects and initiatives planned for January,” Kopenhaver added. This includes the publication of a Legislative Agenda with Issue Papers; compilation of federal worker employment statistics by congressional district; and in-person meetings with legislators and their staffs.

FEW is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 after Executive Order 11375 was issued that added sex discrimination to the list of prohibited discrimination in the federal government. FEW has grown into a proactive organization serving more than one million federally employed women – both in the military and civilian workforce. For more information, visit www.few.org.

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