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### **Costs of NSPS to Taxpayers Not Transparent** *GAO Report Confirms \$158 Million Price Tag is False*

SILVER SPRING, MD – A much anticipated Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report (GAO-07-851) intending to uncover the true taxpayer costs of implementing the so-called National Security Personnel System (NSPS) found that the price of NSPS cannot be determined because “DOD has not established an oversight mechanism to ensure that these costs are fully captured.”

Argued by IFPTE, along with many of the unions that make up the United DoD Workers Coalition (UDWC), and confirmed by the July 16<sup>th</sup> GAO Report, the Pentagon’s contention that imposing NSPS on a workforce of 700,000 will cost only \$158 million is simply not realistic. As stated on page two of the GAO Report, “DOD’s November 2005 estimate that it will cost \$158 million to implement NSPS between 2005 and 2008 does not include the full cost that the department expects to incur as a result of implementing the new system.” The Report goes on to say that when publicizing the \$158 million number, the DoD did not “include any of the typical indirect costs associated with the design and implementation of NSPS such as general administrative services, general research and technical support, rent, and operating and maintenance costs for buildings, equipment, and utilities.”

Additionally, there is little oversight of NSPS as outlined on page eleven of the Report. “The total amount of funds DOD has expended or obligated to design and implement NSPS during fiscal year 2005 through 2006 cannot be determined because DOD has not established an effective oversight mechanism to ensure that all these costs are fully captured.”

IFPTE President Gregory J. Junemann, provided the following comments in response to the damning report:

“These findings are not surprising to those of us in the labor community. We have known since 2005 that the DoD has been playing games by refusing to be transparent with respect to the hefty price tag associated with this ideologically fueled and needless personnel system. In fact, the GAO Report could not even venture a guess as to how much the NSPS cost, other than to say that it is much more than the faulty \$158 million number repeatedly cited by the DoD.

“This GAO Report is yet another indictment of NSPS. Congress, to their credit, is taking a close look at repealing much of NSPS and IFPTE wholeheartedly supports their efforts. Needless to say, the time has finally come to end this attack on DoD’s workforce.”

The GAO Report (GAO-07-851) can be found at [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov).

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