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IFPTE Supports Akaka/Davis Partnership Bill Union Applauds Lawmakers for Introducing Legislation

SILVER SPRING, MD – The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) today endorsed, *The Federal Labor-Management Partnership Act of 2007*. The bill was introduced in both the House and Senate by House Federal Workforce Subcommittee Chairman Danny Davis (D-IL), and Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of the Federal Workforce Chairman Daniel Akaka (D-HI).

The legislation will call for the creation of a Federal Labor-Management Partnership Council. The Council would consist of government officials from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). The Council would also include six Union officials, one person representing the Federal Manager's Association (FMA) and one person representing Senior Executive employees.

The Council's mission would be to better improve the workings of the Federal Government by providing a mechanism for cohesive labor-management relations with respect to key issues affecting the civil service workforce.

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President, Gregory J. Junemann, provided the following comments on the bill's introduction:

"IFPTE has first hand experience with respect to the positive benefits of federal government labor-management partnerships. IFPTE believes that the Labor-Management Council called for in the legislation will go a long way in efficiently addressing critical issues facing federal workers before they get to the critical stage.

"IFPTE applauds both Congressman Davis and Senator Akaka for recognizing that partnerships are not only good for workers and management, but at the end of the day they also lead to better services for the taxpaying public. IFPTE supports this bill and will work with Congress in the hopes that it finds its way to passage."

To view the full text of the bill please visit,
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/C?c110:./temp/~c110aAuqYY>.

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