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White House Releases FY10 Budget Blueprint Budget Proposals Reflect Transparency, Sign of Economic Times

WASHINGTON, DC – International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) President Gregory Junemann provided the following response to today's release of the Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) White House budget proposal.

“IFPTE applauds President Obama's responsible, pro-active, and transparent approach to government budgeting. Among the highlights of this budget is an increase in NASA's allocation by \$1.9 billion over the FY09 level, increased funding for OSHA, new resources for modernizing our overburdened unemployment insurance program, and the creation of federal job training programs to prepare workers for the next generation of green jobs.

“This is also a budget that is reflective of the dire economic times our nation is facing. It is consistent with the address to the nation on Tuesday night in which President Obama outlined his intention to tighten our collective belts by taking aim those federal obligations that needlessly cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year, including eliminating the practice of awarding no-bid contracts to government contractors.

“The budget includes a reinvestment in Science, Technology, and Education, which are all key cornerstones of America's future economic prosperity and national security. The budget also provides for a 2% across the board pay raise for civil servants and 2.9% for military personnel. Mindful of the tough economic times and the difficult decisions facing the administration, it remains IFPTE's consistent position to achieve pay parity between both military and civilian workers. In this regard, the union will continue to work with Congress toward that goal, while concurrently working to achieve the President's goal of eliminating needless and costly programs such as the National Security Personnel System.

“Overall, this budget is a symbol of the start of a new and optimistic era for public, federal and private sector workers alike, and is a welcomed and refreshing change after the last eight years of budgetary subterfuge and accounting trickery.”

To learn more about the President's budget visit,
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget> .

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