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Social Security Rated One of the "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government"

Score Highlights Agency as Most Improved

The Social Security Administration ranks as one of **the top ten** "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government," according to The Partnership for Public Service and American University's Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation. The ranking not only identified Social Security as one of the "Best Places to Work," but also **the most improved agency** this year.

"I'm very pleased that this score reflects what many of us already know: Social Security is a great place to work," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "It is my sincere hope that anyone thinking about a career in public service will seriously consider Social Security."

The "Best Places to Work" rankings are based on the results of the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Human Capital Survey, a government-wide assessment of federal employees' job satisfaction and perceptions of their agency's human capital efforts. The survey identified effective leadership and skills-to-mission match as the biggest drivers of overall employee satisfaction and engagement.

Social Security attributes its success to:

- linking human capital management programs to the Agency's missions,
- building a diverse and productive workforce,
- using high standards for recruitment, and
- maintaining a wide array of development programs and other employee-friendly programs.

"Social Security has a workforce of dedicated, talented, and well-trained employees," said Commissioner Astrue. "We need to continue to hire and retain the best and the brightest for the future."

To learn more about careers with the Social Security Administration, please go to: www.socialsecurity.gov/careers.

To learn more about the report, please go to: www.bestplacestowork.org.