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**GAO Again Named One of the
“Best Places to Work” in Government**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 20, 2009) – Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), welcomed today’s announcement that GAO has again been rated number two among the best places to work in the federal government. Issued every two years, the rankings were released today by the Partnership for Public Service. As it did in 2007, GAO placed second among large federal agencies.

“This year’s rankings underscore GAO’s reputation as one of the premier employers in the federal government. We’ve made a strong commitment to continuously improving GAO operations, pioneering innovative practices, investing in our workforce, and assisting employees balance work and family obligations. Those policies have paid real dividends, both in terms of employee satisfaction and organizational accomplishments,” Dodaro said.

The rankings are based on survey responses from employees at federal agencies and subcomponents. GAO’s composite score of 76.6, a 6.2 percent increase over its score from two years ago, reflects rising employee satisfaction. Satisfaction survey measurements include such questions as how satisfied the employee is with their job, how satisfied the employee is with the organization, and whether the employee would recommend the organization as a good place to work. Other factors look at establishing a cooperative, productive labor management relationship, valuing diversity, and fostering an inclusive environment.

First issued in 2003, the “Best Places to Work” rankings are intended to inform job seekers about the best opportunities for public service and provide policymakers and federal managers with insight into improving employee engagement and commitment. For more information on the awards, go to www.bestplacetowork.org. Questions about GAO may be referred to Chuck Young, Managing Director for Public Affairs, at (202) 512-4800.

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