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## U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL REDESIGNS PUBLIC WEBSITE

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WASHINGTON, DC/March 26, 2010 – Recently, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) launched a redesigned public website that makes it easier for visitors to navigate and find information. The most striking change that visitors will notice is that OSC’s home page is now organized in a simpler format that includes brief descriptions of its divisions. From this page, visitors can easily identify OSC’s areas of responsibility, such as prohibited personnel practices, whistleblower disclosures, political activity, and the protection of uniformed service members’ reemployment rights. For each of these missions, it is now easy to find detailed information, including policies, procedures, frequently asked questions, and links to electronic complaint forms.

Another major improvement to the website is the ease of access to public information, such as the latest Hatch Act advisory opinions, press releases, and public reports.

In announcing the redesigned site, Associate Special Counsel William Reukauf said, “In this era of greater transparency, it is important that our website be informative and easy to use. Increasingly, the internet is where people turn when seeking information. Our goal in redesigning the website was to clearly present information about OSC, our mandate, and our mission, and to make it as easy as possible for individuals to exercise their statutory rights to file complaints with the office. It is my hope that the new redesigned website accomplishes these goals.”

OSC is an independent investigative and prosecutorial agency. Its primary mission is to safeguard the merit system in federal employment by protecting employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially retaliation for whistleblowing. OSC also operates a secure channel for disclosures of whistleblower complaints. Additionally, OSC enforces the Hatch Act, which restricts the political activity of federal employees and employees of certain state and local government agencies, and currently has limited jurisdiction to prosecute complaints under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. Visitors can find OSC’s website at [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov).