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NRC RANKS NO. 3 IN THE BEST PLACES TO WORK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission ranked third among Federal agencies in a survey of employees asked to rate the best places in government to work, and it was the top-ranked regulatory agency in government.

The agency, along with others, was recognized in a ceremony today in Washington, D.C. The survey was conducted earlier this year among 150,000 employees at 250 Federal organizations by the Partnership for Public Service and American University's Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation.

"The survey results support my belief that our agency's workforce has some of the brightest, most dedicated, and highly professional employees in civil service," said Luis A. Reyes, NRC Executive Director for Operations.

"We will continue to work toward making NRC the Federal agency of choice," added Reyes, whose agency is recruiting about 350 employees in the next few years because of the expected arrival of a number of applications for new reactor licenses. He said the latest ranking, along with new recruiting authority provided by Congress, should assist in the agency's efforts.

The survey, drawing from the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Human Capital Survey of late 2004, found that high satisfaction ratings typically appeared where employees believed the work they were doing was important.

The survey included 10 work environment categories. The NRC ranked first in work/life balance and training and development, and ranked second in effective leadership, strategic management, and support for diversity. In the remaining five categories, the NRC consistently scored in the top five.

Not only did the NRC rank third across all major agencies in government, it was ranked first among those surveyed under 40 years of age and among African-Americans in the agency. It also had high ratings among other ethnic groups.

Details of the survey can be found at: <http://www.bestplacestowork.org> and will be featured soon on the *US News & World Report* website at: <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/rankguide/rghome.htm> .

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