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Dear Department/Agency Dispute Resolution Specialist:

I am writing on behalf of the Workplace Conflict Management Section ("Workplace Section") of the Interagency Alternative Dispute Resolution Working Group ("IADR WG"), to make you aware of our community and its resources. The Workplace Section provides guidance on best practices in program development, education, and technical assistance to meet the ADR needs of federal agencies. We work with agencies and departments to enhance their workplace alternative dispute resolution (ADR) programs.

Among the activities of the Workplace Section is the ADR Lunchtime Series (generally held on a bi-monthly basis) at the Department of Energy. The ADR Lunchtime Series features speakers who may be federal ADR practitioners and administrators, professors, or private, professional consultants. These speakers present on emerging workplace trends, conciliation and communication innovations, and thought-provoking concepts relevant to federal-workplace, ADR programs. For further information, contact Isabela Ferraz at Isabela.Ferraz@hq.doe.gov.

To receive notices about upcoming ADR Lunchtime Series programs, please go to www.adr.gov which is the DOJ/IADR WG home page. Join the list-serve on the home page. The list-serve keeps recipients informed of upcoming IADR WG events and the webpage tracks many of our past events with materials and recorded presentations.

In addition to the ADR Lunchtime Series, the Workplace Section has launched a Conflict Management Consortium (CMC), a self-administered, regularly convened group of federal administrators and practitioners. CMC serves as a learning and networking forum where members develop and exchange experience and knowledge about federal workplace ADR programs. Please contact Cyrus Salazar at Cyrus.Salazar@ascr.usda.gov to learn more.

For additional information about our resources and the activities of the Workplace Section or to become involved in Workplace Section activities, please visit our web site at <https://www.adr.gov/workplace.htm> or contact Cindy Mazur, Chair of the Workplace Section, at Cindy.Mazur@fema.dhs.gov or (202) 646-4094. Thank you.

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