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November 19, 2009

Mr. John Berry, Director
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.
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Dear Director Berry:

On behalf of the South Florida Federal Executive Board (SFFEB) I am pleased to forward the FY 2009 SFFEB Annual Report. The South Florida FEB represents a diverse workforce of approximately 35,000 federal civilian and military employees working in 130 departments and independent agencies (including the Post Office) from West Palm Beach south to Key West.

Looking back over the last fiscal year, the SFFEB with the support of our Board Members made great strides in fulfilling its mandate to better prepare our federal community for emergency events, to provide SFFEB member agencies with human capital information to address workforce issues, and to build the networks and partnerships necessary to make improvements in all areas of government operations. Of course, we could not have achieved these successes without the commitment and continued financial support from our funding agency, the Department of Commerce, and many of our member agencies. Below are just a few highlights of the notable accomplishments achieved during FY 2009.

- At our January 15, 2009 Full-Board meeting, we played a videotaped message from Admiral Thad Allen, Commandant U.S. Coast Guard developed specifically for the South Florida FEB membership. The Commandant discussed his role as the Principal Federal Official during the Hurricane Katrina response. He stated that the Federal Executive Boards have a real and important role in national disaster and emergencies such as Hurricane Katrina, and that role is in encouraging community preparedness and facilitating social networking between federal agencies and nonprofit/non-governmental entities.
- In partnership with FEMA Region IV the FEB sponsored an inter-agency Cardinal Accord Tabletop exercise with 38 members from 21 agencies. Also, in attendance were Emergency Managers from the State of Florida and from Monroe county; as well as representatives from two congressional offices.

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- In FY2009, SFFEB and committees provided quality, relevant training to the federal community at a cost savings to the government of over \$200,000.
- The FEB administered two Combine Federal Campaigns, in FY2009, that raised more than \$2.3 million for local and national charities. Campaign contributions reflect the generosity of our federal employees and ensure that those in need within the community are provided for during these extraordinary economical times. Also during this fiscal year, the SFFEB merged the two campaigns into one called the Atlantic Coast CFC.

On the following pages you will find these and many other accomplishments achieved in fiscal year 2009. The information is organized according to the three FEB goals, as requested. Specifically, the information is provided under the goals of emergency preparedness, security, and employee safety; effective intergovernmental partnerships; and human capital readiness.

I am confident that in FY2010 the Board will build on the programs already in place, strengthen our membership and involvement, and bring new and innovative ideas to the FEB. If you have any questions about this report please feel free to contact either one of us.

Sincerely,

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