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## **FLRA ANNOUNCES THE CLOSING OF ITS BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE AND REALIGNMENT OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTIONS OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AND CHICAGO REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) announces the closing of the Boston Regional Office and the realignment of its jurisdiction to the Washington, D.C. and Chicago Regional Directors. After considering regional caseloads, operating costs, rental costs, and staffing, the FLRA's three-Member adjudicatory body approved these changes as part of the Agency's reform plan.

Effective November 16, 2018, parties and customers should no longer file unfair labor practice charges, representation petitions, or any other type of case pleadings with the Boston Regional Office. After November 16, cases arising in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont should be filed with, and will be handled by, the Washington, D.C. Regional Office. Cases arising in Puerto Rico should be filed with, and will be handled by, the Chicago Regional Office. All cases pending with the Boston Regional Office, at the time of its closure, will be transferred to the Washington, D.C. or Chicago Regional Offices, as appropriate, for continued processing. Additional information regarding case handling procedures affected by this closure can be found on the FLRA's website [www.flra.gov](http://www.flra.gov).

The FLRA's Office of the General Counsel is the independent investigative and prosecutorial component of the FLRA. The OGC, through its regional offices, investigates, resolves, and prosecutes ULP charges, resolves representation questions, which include the conduct of secret ballot elections to determine a collective-bargaining representative, and provides training and assistance to parties on establishing productive and cooperative labor-management relations.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.2 million of whom are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. It is charged with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute.

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