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For details, click on the blue highlighted links shown in the following message. The majority of the federal government agencies are currently operating under a "continuing resolution" rather than a permanent fiscal year (FY) 2012 Budget.

In addition, many federal government agencies are still under a Hiring Freeze. Unless a position is deemed essential or critical, a federal agency cannot fill the vacancy. It is possible that the Hiring Freeze will be lifted in late-2012. However, continue to visit: www.usajobs.com and search for jobs.

Welcome to the 2011 Best Places to Work Rankings

The *Best Places to Work in the Federal Government*® rankings are the most comprehensive and authoritative rating and analysis of employee satisfaction and commitment in the federal government. The 2011 rankings are the sixth edition of this ongoing series, following the 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2010 versions.

The 2011 Best Places rankings include 308 federal organizations (33 large agencies, 35 small agencies and 240 subcomponents) and are based on the responses from more than 266,000 employees.

The 2011 government-wide index score is 64 out of 100, down 1.5 percent from 2010.

2011 Overall Index Scores

Rank	Agency	2011	2010	% Change
1	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	85.9	79.2	8.50
2	Nuclear Regulatory Commission	79.1	81.8	-3.30
3	Government Accountability Office	78.9	81.6	-3.40
4	Smithsonian Institution	76.0	76.2	-0.30
5	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	72.5	74.2	-2.30
6	Social Security Administration	70.1	71.6	-2.10
7	Department of State	70.0	70.8	-1.10
8	Intelligence Community	69.5	69.0	0.70
9	Office of Personnel Management	69.4	65.8	5.30

10	General Services Administration	68.7	69.8	-1.60
	(Top 10 shown, see all)		No Data	No Change

Rank	Agency	2011	2010	% Change
1	Surface Transportation Board	91.1	86.8	4.90
2	Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board	89.3		0.00
3	Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service	81.4	84.3	-3.40
4	Peace Corps	78.7	82.8	-5.00
5	Farm Credit Administration	77.5		0.00
6	Overseas Private Investment Corporation	77.2	85.5	-9.70
7	Federal Labor Relations Authority	76.3	68.3	11.60
8	Commodity Futures Trading Commission	75.2	75.7	-0.70
9	National Endowment for the Humanities	74.7	77.2	-3.30
10	Federal Trade Commission	74.3	76.9	-3.40
	(Top 10 shown, see all)		No Data	No Change

Rank	Agency	2011	2010	% Change
1	Environment and Natural Resources Division (DOJ)	81.5	86.7	-5.90
2	Army Audit Agency (Army)	80.4	85.9	-6.40
2	Civil Division (DOJ)	80.4	83.4	-3.50
2	John C. Stennis Space Center (NASA)	80.4	77.0	4.40
5	Tax Division (DOJ)	80.1	76.5	4.60
6	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (Treasury)	79.4	83.5	-5.00
7	Office of the Inspector General (OPM)	78.0	76.5	2.00
8	Region 3 - Philadelphia (EPA)	77.9	73.7	5.70
9	Region 1 - Boston (EPA)	77.8	78.8	-1.20
10	Bureau of the Public Debt (Treasury)	77.2	80.6	-4.20
	(Top 10 shown, see all)		No Data	No Change

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