



# News Release

## SOCIAL SECURITY

### **Social Security Again Rated One of the “Best Places to Work in the Federal Government”**

#### **Agency Continues to Earn High Marks by People Who Know Them Best—Their Employees**

The Social Security Administration once again ranks as one of the top ten “Best Places to Work in the Federal Government,” according to The Partnership for Public Service and American University’s Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation. The number six ranking not only identifies Social Security as one of the “Best Places to Work,” but also proves that the Agency’s commitment to treat its employees as its most valuable asset has been successful.

“I am thrilled that we have again made the list of the top ten “Best Places to Work in the Federal Government,” said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. “This recognition validates our long-standing belief that the Social Security Administration is a great place to work and has a very important mission. I am very proud of our employees who are committed to providing the vital services on which the nation depends, despite years of underfunding, growing workloads, and other daunting challenges.”

The “Best Places to Work” rankings are based on the results of the Office of Personnel Management’s Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, a government-wide assessment that measures employees’ perception of whether, and to what extent, conditions characterizing successful organizations are present in their agencies. The survey provides valuable insight into the challenges agencies face in maintaining an effective civilian workforce. The survey identified effective leadership and employees’ skills-to-mission match as the most significant contributory factors of overall employee satisfaction and engagement.

Social Security attributes its success to:

- Effective Leadership,
- Developing and retaining a highly skilled, diverse and innovative workforce,

- Training employees and giving them the tools they need to work at their highest potential, and
- Increasing employees' opportunities for advancement.

“In a tough economy, President Obama is trying to make it easier for Americans to work for the Federal government,” said Commissioner Astrue. “I hope our ranking affirms that a career at Social Security is a great choice.”

To learn more about the report, please go to [www.bestplacestowork.org](http://www.bestplacestowork.org).

To learn more about careers with the Social Security Administration, please go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/careers](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/careers).

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