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National Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Federal Colleague:

As you may know, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association - familiar to many federal employees as NARFE – is leading the fight to protect and preserve earned financial and health benefits for both active and retired federal employees. NARFE is not a labor union, and is classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(5), a not for profit organization. NARFE, headquartered in Alexandria, VA, was created in 1921 and has a current membership of 260,000 nationwide, including all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Panama, Philippines and Guam.

Since GSA regulation 102-71.20 (please see attached section from GSA 102-71.20) allows organizations such as NARFE into federal buildings and because of the highly focused and critical nature of NARFE's mission, please grant permission for local NARFE representatives to enter your facility. The primary purpose would be to share valuable benefit-saving information important to all federal employees. Please read on for additional information on how NARFE can offer this one-of-a-kind service to federal employees.

By way of background, NARFE is a membership organization solely dedicated to protecting and preserving the benefits of All federal workers and retirees by implementing an aggressive legislative agenda, which has produced winning results, including:

- Making a Roth option available in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP);
- Federal employees are able to transition to a part-time work schedule while also collecting a partial annuity;
- FERS workers may now credit half, and, in 2014, all, of their unused sick leave toward retirement.

Beyond NARFE's critically important and successful lobbying weight, NARFE members receive additional benefits that keep them informed and up-to-date on everything that affects their status as a federal employee or retiree. Its publications, website and Federal Benefits Services Department provide clear information and trusted guidance on complex benefit issues.

Thank you for considering my request to allow NARFE access to your facility. If you need further information regarding NARFE's mission, please contact David Snell, Director, Federal Benefit Services Department, NARFE Headquarters, by phone, 703-838-7760, ext. 269 or email, DSnell@narfe.org or the local NARFE representative whose contact information is provided separately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard Thissen'.

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Enclosures: NARFE Brochure
GSA Regulation Section 102-71.20

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