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## President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts

WASHINGTON - Today, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key administration posts:

- Frank Kendall III, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense
- Daniel Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget
- Susan Tsui Grundmann, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board
- Anne M. Wagner, Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, with the Designation of Vice Chair

**President Obama** said, "I am grateful that these fine individuals will be filling these important posts in my administration, and I and look forward to working with them to serve the American people at this important time for our nation."

## Susan Tsui Grundmann, Nominee for Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board

Since 2002, Susan Tsui Grundmann has served as General Counsel to the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), which represents 100,000 federal workers nationwide and is affiliated with the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW). At NFFE, she has successfully litigated cases in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In 2004, Ms. Grundmann represented NFFE and other labor unions in the statutory "meet and confer" process with officials from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), which sought agreement on how to proceed with new DHS personnel regulations. She currently represents NFFE and the United Department of Defense Workers Coalition, consisting of 36 labor unions, and has served on the Coalition's litigation team in a coordinated response to the proposed personnel changes at Department of Defense (DoD). In addition to DoD employees, Ms. Grundmann represents employees in the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Passport Services, Veterans Administration, General Services Administration, and some 25 additional federal agencies. Since 2003, she has been a regular instructor on federal sector law at the William W. Winpisinger Education Center in Placid Harbor, Maryland. Prior to joining NFFE, she served as General Counsel to the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA). She earned her undergraduate degree at American University and her law degree at Georgetown University Law Center.