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GPO NAMES DIRECTOR OF LABOR RELATIONS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) names Melissa Hatfield as Director of Labor Relations. In this position, Hatfield oversees the Labor Relations program at GPO that involves 12 unions. She advises management and is responsible for the negotiation of all labor-management agreements and the representation of management in the resolution of grievances.

Hatfield has more than a decade of experience working with legal, labor relations and human resources issues in both the Federal Government and private sector. She came to GPO from the Department of Education where she served as the Director of Workforce Relations and was responsible for advising senior management on employee and labor relations matters, managing the retirement program, and implementing new programs for benefits, telework, and performance management. Hatfield also held management positions in employee and labor relations at the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to working for the Federal Government, Hatfield worked in the private sector in Human Resources and at the National Treasury Employees Union where she served as the lead negotiator representing many Federal agencies.

Hatfield received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Science in Labor and Industrial Relations from West Virginia University. She earned her law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law, and is a licensed attorney. She is the great, great, great granddaughter of the Judge Valentine “Wall” Hatfield, of the famous West Virginia Hatfield family.

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“I welcome Melissa to GPO and look forward to working with her on GPO’s labor relations program,” said Acting Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. “Melissa’s extensive legal and labor relations experience in dealing with Federal Government and the private sector is important as she works with GPO’s management and unions on labor relation matters.”

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