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The Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

FROM: BETH F. COBERT, ACTING DIRECTOR

Subject: Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Agreement Offers Federal Employees, their Spouses and Dependents Reduced Tuition Rates to Pursue Post-Secondary Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) mission is to recruit, retain and honor a world-class workforce to serve the American people. OPM and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota have entered into an agreement as part of OPM's continued effort to close skills gaps, increase Federal employees' access to high-quality, affordable educational resources, and further develop and sustain the Federal workforce.

The agreement provides a grant in an amount equal to 10 percent of its charges for tuition and a waiver of the standard application fee for all online and/or on-campus School of Graduate and Professional degree programs, certificate programs, and any individual courses to all Federal employees, their spouses and dependents. The benefit takes effect immediately.

Established in 1912, Saint Mary's is an international, private university. They are recognized by U.S. News & World Report, the Princeton Review and Forbes as one of the top universities in the United States. Saint Mary's University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. Their portfolio includes programs that address the Federal Government's mission-critical occupation skills in the areas of Human Resources, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

For more information about Saint Mary's University of Minnesota programs and admissions, visit www.fedgovatsaintmarys.com or call 877-308-9954. For additional information, please contact OPM's Learning and Development Team via email at learninganddevelopment@opm.gov or Saint Mary's Manager of Corporate Education, Angela Opie, at aopie@smumn.edu or 844-559-4810.

Attachments: Saint Mary's Federal Alliance FAQs for Agency Training Officers and Prospective Students

cc: Deputy Chief Human Capital Officers, Human Resources and Equal Employment Opportunity Directors, Headquarters and Field Office Training Officers, Chief Learning Officers, and Benefits Officers