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MEMORANDUM

TO: All United States Trustees

FROM: Kevyn D. Orr
Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Informal Budget Dispute Resolution Process

DATE: June 4, 1998

I am pleased to announce that the attached Informal Budget Dispute Resolution Process is effective immediately. This process is the result of the successful mediation training last week between the United States Trustees and the standing trustees in Boulder, Colorado.

Many individuals worked to develop and implement this procedure, particularly the United States Trustees who serve on the standing trustee liaison committee. Additionally, several members of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees were involved in drafting the new process and in recruiting standing trustees to become mediators. We hope that this new process will benefit the administration of standing trustee operations and the working relationship between the Program and the standing trustees.

Please forward the attached Informal Budget Dispute Resolution Process to your standing trustees, along with the list of qualified mediators. They should be made aware that this process is available for the FY99 budgets, which are currently under development in standing trustee offices. Any explanation that you can provide your trustees about the process and the mediation training will be helpful. It is my understanding that many trustees will first become familiar with the process when the NACTT conducts a workshop at its annual conference in late July.

Thank you all for participating in the mediation training. Initial indications of its success promise favorable results for the new dispute resolution process.

Attachments

cc: Sandra J. Forbes
Assistant Director