

FMCS SHUT DOWN CRISIS

We are advising our clients about this crisis so that they can take adequate measures to protect their interests. It is important to note that this change has not modified the requirement that in the private sector that we are required by statute to send the 60- and 30-day notices to the other party to the contract and the FMCS of an intent to terminate or modify the agreement.

In addition, while the situation remains fluid, the latest information we have received is that FMCS will no longer be providing grievance arbitration panels that are usually requested pursuant to the grievance arbitration provisions of the CBAs.

Interested and concerned employers and union representatives are beginning to meet to discuss ways to protect and preserve this vital function which protects household earnings, safeguards company revenues and services and ensures the free flow of robust commerce.

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