2010 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey Results National Transportation Safety Board All Respondents

1. **Interpretation of Results:** NTSB employees continue to participate in high numbers in surveys to assess the leadership and management practices that contribute to Agency performance and employee satisfaction. We registered a response rate of 71.2% in 2010 and this is in keeping with our past performance.

Instrument	Surveys Launched	Responses	Response Rate
2010 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey	351	250	71.2%
2009 Annual Employee Survey	379	248	65%
2008 Federal Human Capital Survey	344	226	65%
2007 Annual Employee Survey	377	260	69%

Analysis of items showing positive responses of less than 50% over the 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 employee surveys identified 6 items that were consistently marked less positive. Three of these items relate to performance culture; two relate to leadership; and one relates to job satisfaction.

Analysis of items showing positive responses of greater than 80% over the 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 employee surveys identified 8 items that were consistently marked more positive. Three of these items relate to job satisfaction; four relate to performance culture; and one relates to leadership.

Overall, the 2010 results demonstrate that employees continue to be satisfied with their work and understand how it contributes to achieving NTSB's mission. Recent initiatives to improve the performance management system design and implementation appear to have had a positive impact, and continuing improvements in this area should benefit the organization.

- 2. **How the survey was conducted:** The survey was conducted online from February 9, 2010 to March 19, 2010.
- 3. **Description of sample:** 351 full-time permanent employees of the agency were surveyed.
- 4. Survey items and response choices: See the tables on the following pages.

(Survey Administration Period 2/9/2010 to 3/19/2010)

		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*1. I am given a real opportunity to improve my skills in my	N		56	111	42	31	10	250	NA
organization.	%	66.4	22.6	43.8	17.2	12.6	3.8	100.0	
2. I have enough information to do my job well.	N %	76.8	57 22.6	135 54.2	25 10.1	26 10.3	7 2.8	250 100.0	NA
3. I feel encouraged to come up with new and better ways of doing things.	N %	62.1	61 24.6	95 37.5	45 19.3	30 11.7	17 6.9	248 100.0	NA
*4. My work gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment.	N %	84.8	126 50.7	86 34.1	26 10.7	10 3.8	2 0.7	250 100.0	NA
*5. I like the kind of work I do.	N %	88.9	144 58.9	77 30.1	21 8.4	6 2.3	1 0.4	249 100.0	NA
6. I know what is expected of me on the job.	N %	82.4	99	105 41.6	27 10.4	16 6.1	3	250 100.0	NA
7. When needed I am willing to put in the extra effort to get a job done.	N %	98.8	190 76.1	56 22.7	2 0.9	1 0.4	0	249 100.0	NA
8. I am constantly looking for ways to do my job better.	N %	90.8	133 54.0	94 36.8	18 7.2	3	2 0.8	250 100.0	NA
9. I have sufficient resources (for example, people, materials, budget) to get my job done.	N %	53.7	36 14.6	98 39.1	42 16.9	51 20.3	22 9.2	249 100.0	1
*10. My workload is reasonable.	N %	64.0	37 15.2	123 48.8	36 15.5	38 14.7	15 5.8	249 100.0	1
*11. My talents are used well in the workplace.	N %	66.7	57 23.5	106 43.2	26 10.8	35 13.4	23 9.1	247 100.0	1
*12. I know how my work relates to the agency's goals and priorities.	N %	89.6	107 43.5	115 46.0	18 7.0	5 2.1	4 1.4	249 100.0	0
*13. The work I do is important.	N %	93.9	162 66.1	72 27.8	11 4.1	5 2.0	0	250 100.0	0
*14. Physical conditions (for example, noise level, temperature, lighting, cleanliness in the workplace) allow employees to perform their jobs well.	N %	83.6	104 42.6	101 41.0	28 10.9	13 4.7	2 0.8	248 100.0	1
*15. My performance appraisal is a fair reflection of my performance.	N %	73.5	86 35.1	98 38.5	34 14.1	15 6.0	16 6.4	249 100.0	1
16. I am held accountable for achieving results.	N %	87.7	103 42.0	115 45.7	22 9.0	5 1.8	4 1.4	249 100.0	1

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17. I can disclose a suspected violation of any law, rule or regulation	N		71	77	56	12	20	236	14
without fear of reprisal.	%	62.8	30.6	32.2	23.7	5.1	8.4	100.0	
*18. My training needs are assessed.	N		34	99	45	31	34	243	5
, ,	%	53.1	13.9	39.2	18.8	13.0	15.2	100.0	
*19. In my most recent performance appraisal, I understood what I had	N		80	97	36	16	17	246	3
to do to be rated at different performance levels (for example, Fully Successful, Outstanding).	%	71.7	33.3	38.4	15.3	6.2	6.8	100.0	
*20 The words I word with a company to cot the inh days	N		95	107	26	9	3	240	NA
*20. The people I work with cooperate to get the job done.	%	85.3	39.7	45.6	9.9	3.7	1.2	100.0	
*21. My work unit is able to recruit people with the right skills.	N		31	81	66	40	24	242	8
	%	46.2	13.3	32.9	28.1	15.2	10.5	100.0	
*22. Promotions in my work unit are based on merit.	N		35	79	59	30	28	231	19
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*23. In my work unit, steps are taken to deal with a poor performer who	N		23	67	63	51	27	231	18
cannot or will not improve.	%	38.9	10.4	28.4	27.8	21.8	11.5	100.0	
*24. In my work unit, differences in performance are recognized in a	N		27	88	61	41	20	237	13
meaningful way.	%	47.9	11.6	36.3	27.2	16.9	8.0	100.0	
25. Awards in my work unit depend on how well employees perform	N		44	96	58	22	19	239	11
their jobs.	%	57.2	18.6	38.6	26.3	8.7	7.8	100.0	
26 Familiana in managan mitakan iah kacambahan mithasah atkan	N		73	114	24	21	17	249	0
26. Employees in my work unit share job knowledge with each other.	%	75.1	29.6	45.5	10.0	8.2	6.7	100.0	
27 Th. 1711. 1 in 1 1 1 in 1 in the 1	N		43	89	80	16	15	243	5
27. The skill level in my work unit has improved in the past year.	%	54.1	18.1	36.0	33.3	6.2	6.4	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
28. How would you rate the overall quality of work done by your work	N		130	98	17	4	0	249	NA
unit?	%	91.7	51.5	40.2	6.8	1.6	0.0	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*29. The workforce has the job-relevant knowledge and skills necessary	N		66	133	31	15	2	247	2
to accomplish organizational goals.	%	80.5	26.8	53.7	12.9	5.8	0.8	100.0	

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		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*30. Employees have a feeling of personal empowerment with respect	N		44	98	56	30	11	239	8
to work processes.	%	61.1	18.7	42.4	22.2	12.2	4.6	100.0	
31. Employees are recognized for providing high quality products and	N		63	109	45	16	13	246	3
services.	%	70.1	25.9	44.2	18.4	6.2	5.3	100.0	
*22 Creativity and innovation are reversed	N		50	73	74	27	18	242	6
*32. Creativity and innovation are rewarded.	%	51.6	21.3	30.3	30.3	10.8	7.3	100.0	
*33. Pay raises depend on how well employees perform their jobs.	N		34	68	65	50	19	236	13
	%	43.9	15.3	28.6	28.3	20.0	7.8	100.0	
34. Policies and programs promote diversity in the workplace (for	N		42	78	68	27	18	233	14
example, recruiting minorities and women, training in awareness of diversity issues, mentoring).	%	51.9	19.3	32.6	29.2	10.8	8.1	100.0	
*35. Employees are protected from health and safety hazards on the job.	N		77	140	20	3	5	245	2
	%	88.8	32.5	56.4	8.0	1.1	2.1	100.0	
*36. My organization has prepared employees for potential security	N		43	125	45	16	11	240	7
threats.	%	70.6	19.1	51.5	18.0	6.5	4.9	100.0	
37. Arbitrary action, personal favoritism and coercion for partisan	N		49	77	56	29	22	233	14
political purposes are not tolerated.	%	54.2	22.6	31.6	24.6	12.0	9.3	100.0	
38. Prohibited Personnel Practices (for example, illegally	N		68	87	49	10	12	226	22
discriminating for or against any employee/applicant, obstructing a person's right to compete for employment, knowingly violating veterans' preference requirements) are not tolerated.	%	68.4	31.8	36.6	22.1	4.3	5.3	100.0	
20 Marana i anno fil at anno filiabilità ita minim	N		121	104	13	2	3	243	2
39. My agency is successful at accomplishing its mission.	%	92.8	49.4	43.4	5.1	1.0	1.2	100.0	
40. I	N		110	87	35	10	5	247	NA
40. I recommend my organization as a good place to work.	%	80.4	46.2	34.2	13.6	4.0	2.1	100.0	
41. I believe the results of this survey will be used to make my agency	N		40	75	61	41	15	232	16
a better place to work.	%	49.5	17.6	31.9	26.4	17.7	6.4	100.0	
*42. My supervisor supports my need to balance work and other life	N		122	85	25	6	8	246	2
issues.	%	84.4	50.0	34.3	9.9	2.3	3.4	100.0	
43. My supervisor/team leader provides me with opportunities to	N		86	92	29	22	18	247	1
demonstrate my leadership skills.	%	72.7	36.0	36.7	11.8	8.2	7.3	100.0	
*44. Discussions with my supervisor/team leader about my performance	N		72	76	50	27	19	244	3
are worthwhile.	%	60.7	30.6	30.1	21.1	10.8	7.4	100.0	

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		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
45. My supervisor/team leader is committed to a workforce	N		71	78	59	8	10	226	21
representative of all segments of society.	%	64.8	31.9	32.9	27.5	3.4	4.3	100.0	
46. My supervisor/team leader provides me with constructive	N		66	77	56	32	14	245	2
suggestions to improve my job performance.	%	58.6	27.3	31.4	23.4	12.5	5.6	100.0	
*47. Supervisors/team leaders in my work unit support employee	N		68	91	44	22	19	244	2
development.	%	64.2	28.5	35.7	19.1	9.0	7.7	100.0	
48. My supervisor/team leader listens to what I have to say.	N		99	88	34	22	5	248	NA
	%	76.2	39.9	36.3	13.1	8.8	1.9	100.0	
40. Mar and a mineral teacher lead on tracts are with more at	N		108	95	30	9	5	247	NA
49. My supervisor/team leader treats me with respect.	%	82.4	44.0	38.4	12.1	3.6	1.9	100.0	
50. In the last six months, my supervisor/team leader has talked with	N		103	104	16	17	7	247	NA
me about my performance.	%	84.1	42.2	41.9	6.1	7.4	2.4	100.0	
WC1 T1 1	N		91	60	57	24	14	246	NA
*51. I have trust and confidence in my supervisor.	%	61.5	37.1	24.4	23.3	9.6	5.6	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*52. Overall, how good a job do you feel is being done by your	N		101	65	52	18	9	245	NA
immediate supervisor/team leader?	%	68.1	41.2	26.8	21.4	7.1	3.5	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*53. In my organization, leaders generate high levels of motivation and	N		38	84	58	45	21	246	1
commitment in the workforce.	%	48.5	15.9	32.6	23.7	19.1	8.8	100.0	
54. My organization's leaders maintain high standards of honesty and	N		53	85	60	26	18	242	5
integrity.	%	57.0	22.7	34.3	25.4	10.3	7.3	100.0	
*55. Managers/supervisors/team leaders work well with employees of	N		50	90	62	19	11	232	14
different backgrounds.	%	59.8	22.1	37.7	27.4	8.0	4.8	100.0	
*56. Managers communicate the goals and priorities of the	N		50	109	50	23	13	245	1
organization.	%	64.6	20.5	44.1	20.2	10.0	5.1	100.0	
*57. Managers review and evaluate the organization's progress toward	N		48	108	49	21	10	236	9
meeting its goals and objectives.				100	77	21	10	230	

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		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
58. Managers promote communication among different work units (for	N		44	82	53	44	19	242	4
example, about projects, goals, needed resources).	%	52.0	18.4	33.6	22.3	18.0	7.7	100.0	
59. Managers support collaboration across work units to accomplish	N		45	100	49	35	11	240	3
work objectives.	%	60.5	18.8	41.7	20.5	14.4	4.6	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
60. Overall, how good a job do you feel is being done by the manager	N		52	85	60	27	16	240	6
directly above your immediate supervisor/team leader?	%	56.9	22.0	34.9	25.4	11.0	6.7	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*61. I have a high level of respect for my organization's senior leaders.	N		56	84	50	36	17	243	1
of a fight level of respect for my organization's semon leaders.	%	57.4	23.0	34.3	20.1	15.2	7.3	100.0	
62. Senior leaders demonstrate support for Work/Life programs.	N		59	92	54	22	7	234	13
02. Senior readers demonstrate support for work/Ene programs.	%	64.5	25.2	39.2	23.8	8.8	2.9	100.0	
		Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*63. How satisfied are you with your involvement in decisions that	N		48	94	59	30	15	246	NA
affect your work?	%	58.4	19.4	39.0	24.1	11.7	5.8	100.0	
*64. How satisfied are you with the information you receive from	N		40	87	57	48	13	245	NA
management on what's going on in your organization?	%	52.1	16.8	35.4	23.5	19.2	5.2	100.0	
*65. How satisfied are you with the recognition you receive for doing a	N		63	93	47	29	13	245	NA
good job?	%	63.8	25.7	38.2	20.0	11.1	5.1	100.0	
*66. How satisfied are you with the policies and practices of your senior	N		38	79	69	45	14	245	NA
leaders?	%	47.4	15.8	31.6	29.1	17.6	6.0	100.0	
*67. How satisfied are you with your opportunity to get a better job in	N		38	65	69	40	32	244	NA
your organization?	%	43.5	16.7	26.8	27.6	16.4	12.6	100.0	
*68. How satisfied are you with the training you receive for your	N		37	88	54	36	31	246	NA
present job?									

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					Neither			Item	Do Not Know/
		Percent	\$7 G.4*@1	C - 4* - C* - 3	Satisfied nor	D'	Very	Response	No Basis to
		Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Total**	Judge
*69. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your job?	N		79	107	36	16	6	244	NA
	%	77.4	32.7	44.7	14.0	6.3	2.3	100.0	
*70. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your pay?	N		77	111	27	21	9	245	NA
	%	76.8	31.4	45.4	11.5	8.0	3.6	100	
71. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your	N		80	107	37	16	6	246	NA
organization?	%	76.7	32.2	44.5	14.8	6.1	2.4	100	
		Percent Positive	Telework on regular basis	Telework infrequently	No telework: physical presence required	No telework: technical issues	No telework: not allowed though ok for job type	No telework: personal choice	Item Response Total**
72. Please select the response below that BEST describes your	N		101	44	18	6	22	49	240
teleworking situation.	%	10.8	44.5	18.0	7.2	2.3	8.5	19.5	
		Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
73. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs	N		105	59	30	14	8	216	26
in your agency Telework?	%	78.0	51.4	26.5	12.7	6.0	3.3	100.0	
74. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs	N		127	68	19	2	1	217	25
in your agency Alternative Work Schedules (AWS)?	%	90.5	60.2	30.3	8.2	0.8	0.4	100.0	
75. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs	N		49	69	65	17	5	205	36
in your agency Health and Wellness Programs (for example, exercise, medical screening, quit smoking programs)?	%	58.9	25.9	33.0	30.7	8.4	2.0	100	
76. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs	N		39	56	55	5	4	159	83
in your agency Employee Assistance Program (EAP)?	%	60.2	26.0	34.1	34.3	3.3	2.2	100	
77. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs	N		7	4	62	14	3	90	153
in your agency Child Care Programs (for example, daycare, parenting classes, parenting support groups)?	%	13.2	9.4	3.8	67.8	16.2	2.8	100	
78. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs in your agency Elder Care Programs (for example, support	N %	18.2	8 10.3	8 7.9	59 64.7	13 14.3	3 2.8	91 100	151

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