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Steve Sprague to Chair Combined Federal Campaign

Steve Sprague, Chief for DRMS J-76, Acquisition Hazardous Division, Directorate of Contracting, has been named as the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Chair. Sprague served on the Local Federal Campaign Committee for the past three years, before moving into the leadership role this year.

In preparation for his duties as the chair of the local CFC, Sprague attended a training workshop in New Orleans this past April. The workshop included learning the responsibilities of local CFC leadership, methods of collaborating to improve campaign efficiencies and to receive an update on new CFC regulations.

While in New Orleans, Sprague took part in a service project with The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, at the Audubon Louisiana Nature Center. The Nature Center received devastating damage from Hurricane Katrina, leaving it overgrown with invasive tallow. Participants helped plant several species of trees and removed the invasive tallow, which impedes the growth of natural vegetation.

Sprague has been involved in DRMS (Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service) Contracting for the majority of his 24 year career and has been in a supervisory role since 1992. As chief, he oversees all pre-award/post-award functions for contracts that provide hazardous waste disposal services for the military services throughout the world.

During his career Sprague has helped implement many changes in the way DRMS contracts for services. He is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and in 1991 complete DLA's Mid-Level Management intern program.

He received his MBA from Western Michigan University (WMU) in 1982 after receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree with a double major in Public Administration and Communications from the university in 1980.

"We are very grateful that Steve accepted the leadership role with the Combined Federal Campaign this year," said Chris Sargent, president and chief professional officer of United Way

of Greater Battle Creek. “Last year’s (CFC) campaign raised more than \$264,000 locally and is an invaluable resource in engaging our federal employees and military personnel.”

CFC is the world’s largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season (September 1 to December 15) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

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United Way of Greater Battle Creek’s mission is to mobilize the caring power of our community to Advance the Common Good by measurably improving lives.

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