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THE COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS ITS MAJOR PROGRAMS

Majority of Council's Programs and Staff to Join the Partnership for Public Service

WASHINGTON—The Council for Excellence in Government (CEG), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based in Washington, D.C., announced today that it will transfer most of its marquee programs to the Partnership for Public Service (the Partnership). The Council made this decision under the authorization of its Board of Trustees.

“For more than 25 years, the Council has enjoyed a reputation for leadership and innovation and has served as a catalyst for constructive change at all levels of government. However, the current economic climate has made it extremely difficult to raise the funding required to continue and grow these vital programs,” said John Macomber, Chair of the Council’s Board of Trustees. “Moving these programs to the Partnership will improve efficiency, increase their impact and provide needed services to more government executives and organizations,” Macomber continued.

The Board of Trustees has found a new home for many of the Council’s programs at the Partnership for Public Service, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to revitalize the federal government. The Partnership seeks to inspire a new generation to enter government service and, in so doing, change the way government works. The CEG programs that will transition to the Partnership include the Excellence in Government Fellows, Strategic Advisors to Government Executives (SAGEs) and Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). The majority of the Council’s employees will also be joining the Partnership.

“Making government work better has never been more important as Americans look to President Obama and his administration to rejuvenate a sluggish economy, navigate two wars, improve education and more,” said Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service president and CEO. “We are proud to continue the important work the Council for Excellence in Government started more than 25 years ago.”

“I’m so proud of our accomplishments over these past 25 years. They are a tribute to the passion for public service, entrepreneurial spirit and insistence on results by our Trustees, Principals, staff and our many colleagues and partners in government and the private sector,” said Macomber.

Attachment A contains additional information on the Council’s programs. The Council will cease operations on February 15, 2009.

About the Council for Excellence in Government (www.excelgov.org)

Founded in 1983, the Council for Excellence in Government is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to improve the performance of government at all levels; and government’s place in the lives and esteem of American citizens. With its experienced staff, network of experts and members, and diverse partners, the Council helps to create stronger public sector leadership and management, driven by innovation and focused on

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results; and increased citizen confidence and participation in government, through better understanding of government and its role.

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Attachment A

- The Excellence in Government Fellows leadership development programs for senior government managers, which has graduated more than 2,700 leaders who have become a significant force for constructive change in government.
- Orientation and leadership programs for Presidential Appointees at the request of the Clinton and Bush administrations, designed to promote teamwork, state of the art management and accountability for results.
- A Blueprint for Electronic Government, in collaboration with leaders in government, business and academia, which is recognized as the basis for the E-Government Act, the establishment of a federal chief information officer, and a host of cross government initiatives.
- A series of unprecedented “Town Hall Meetings,” sponsored with national and local officials and opinion leaders, in communities across the country to connect the public with their leaders and with each other around critical issues such as homeland security, jobs and the economy and health care reform. These dynamic public discussions have resulted in practical recommendations and solutions, many of which have been implemented by government.
- Strategic in-depth public opinion research to bring perspective to executive and legislative decision makers on topics ranging from controlling the cost of health care to attracting the best and brightest to public service.
- An examination of the implications of trends in the media coverage of government and the role of popular culture in attitudes toward public service through content analysis and in lively discussions with journalists, writers and producers of news and entertainment.
- The formation of the Coalition for Evidence Based Policy, which has promoted policy development, funding and implementation of public programs on the basis of rigorous evidence about what works, resulting in key reforms in OMB’s performance assessment, and the design and funding of numerous education, health, and criminal justice programs.
- The SAGE (Strategic Advisors to Government Executives) programs, unique communities of practice, where public and private sector leaders share successful strategies, tools and techniques along with lessons learned.
- A revitalization of “Public Service Recognition Week” activities and events on the National Mall and in cities and states across the country, designed to connect the public with the people who work for them and to attract young Americans to public service.
- The selection and preparation of Presidential Appointees through the Council’s signature quadrennial *Prune Book* profiles the top management jobs and what it takes for survival and success. This publication is now available online.

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