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**National Academy of Public Administration
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Release Memos to National Leaders**
Memos Highlighted at Academy Fall Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC -- The National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) and the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) today released the ***Memos to National Leaders***, a set of 25 brief original memos addressed to the new Administration and next Congress. The Memos, available at www.memostoleaders.org, will be discussed today at the Academy's annual Fall Meeting.

"The *Memos to National Leaders* are designed to distill the best of current thinking about how to make government work better," said Paul Posner, Academy Board Chair Emeritus. "They are practical recommendations to strengthen governance and improve government performance. The Memos look beyond the frantic preparations of the current presidential transition to the period when elected leaders must work to turn promises into legislation, budgets, actions, and results."

The Memos were authored by Fellows of the Academy and members of ASPA who are among the leading academic thinkers and practitioners of public administration, most with experience at the federal and other levels of government. The Memos build on the foundation established by the Academy's *Transition 2016* initiative and reports issued by the *Transition 2016* panels are contained in the Memos. The volume was edited by Paul Posner, Janice LaChance, and Tonya Neaves.

The Memos address five dimensions of the governance challenge:

- Managing Government to Achieve National Objectives
- Strengthening Policy Leadership and Follow Through
- Managing Across Boundaries to Achieve National Goals
- Sharpening the Tools of Government in Action
- Increasing Government's Capacity to Manage Complex Policy Issues

More than 150 specific recommendations provided in the Memos can serve as a checklist for the Administration, Congress, and observers to use in tracking management improvements and their effects on government's ability to deliver on its commitments.

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