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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**National Academy of Public Administration to Host Discussion of Managing Sustained Performance Improvements in Federal Agencies**  
*Event Includes Senior Officials from U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs and Labor*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration will host a January 24th discussion of “Managing Sustained Performance Improvements in Federal Agencies,” featuring two innovative government leaders, **Patrick Pizzella**, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, and **Dr. Paul Lawrence**, Undersecretary for Veterans Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, who will describe and discuss their vision, strategies, and proven success in driving sustained performance improvement at their respective agencies.

As part of the Academy’s **Grand Challenges in Public Administration** initiative, the Academy’s Standing Panel on Executive Organization and Management is exploring ways that pioneering federal leaders are designing effective governance, transparency, and engagement strategies to increase their agility and improving performance to achieve mission results.

The event, hosted by the Standing Panel, will feature a presentation by Mr. Pizzella, followed by an in-depth conversation with Dr. Lawrence, co-moderated by Panel Chair John Kamensky and Mark Abramson, President of Leadership, Inc. Dr. Lawrence will be available for media inquiries after the event concludes.

Registration details can be found [here](#). The event will be live streamed [here](#).

**WHAT:** Managing Sustained Performance Improvements in Federal Agencies

**WHERE:** National Academy of Public Administration  
1600 K Street, N.W., 4th Floor (entrance on 16th Street)  
Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** January 24, 2020  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
WHO:  
Dr. Paul Lawrence, Undersecretary for Veterans Benefits,  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Patrick Pizzella, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor  
John Kamensky, Academy Fellow and Chair, Academy Standing Panel on Executive Organization and Management (co-moderator)  
Mark Abramson, President, Leadership, Inc. (co-moderator)  
Terry Gerton, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration

MEDIA:  
Media planning to attend should RSVP to  
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