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## **National Academy of Public Administration Releases The 2017 Prune Book**

*Book Outlines the 40 Toughest Management Jobs in Government*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) today released the latest version of *The Prune Book*, which outlines the *40 Toughest Management Jobs* in government. This book aims to inform the incoming Administration of the experience and qualities needed to succeed in the government’s most important management positions.

“We are pleased to share this valuable resource with President-elect Trump and his transition team as they prepare to fill nearly 4,000 presidentially-appointed positions,” said Dan G. Blair, President and CEO of the Academy. “Putting the right people in the right positions is critical to early success in any administration, so understanding what it takes to be a successful government manager will help the Administration move quickly to fill these important appointments.”

The positions outlined in *The Prune Book* fall into five categories:

- **The Government-wide Managers**
- **The Deputy Secretaries**
- **Natural Resources, Information, and Infrastructure**
- **National and Homeland Security**
- **Health, Education, and Income Security Programs**

“This book is the culmination of decades of experience and expertise from our *Transition 2016* Steering Committee and Academy Fellowship, consisting of current and former political appointees from across government,” said *Transition 2016* Co-Chairs David Chu and Edward DeSeve. “We are proud to offer this guidebook as a resource to the incoming Administration from those who have previously served and know what it takes to succeed as a government manager.”

Full descriptions of the *40 Toughest Management Jobs in Government*, along with other valuable resources regarding political appointments, can be found online at [www.politicalappointeeproject.org](http://www.politicalappointeeproject.org), sponsored by Ernst & Young LLP. A list of the *40 Toughest Jobs* is attached to this press release.

About Transition 2016:

Led by former senior government officials David Chu and Edward DeSeve as Co-Chairs, the bipartisan *Transition 2016* effort at the Academy seeks to help prepare the incoming Presidential Administration to handle the management, budget and policy challenges it will face. The initiative is overseen by a [steering committee](#) comprised of high-ranking former government officials, and a blue-ribbon panel of [senior advisors](#). Learn more at [www.napat16.org](http://www.napat16.org).

About the National Academy of Public Administration:

Chartered by Congress to provide non-partisan expert advice, the Academy is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization established in 1967 to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations. Learn more at [www.napawash.org](http://www.napawash.org).

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