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National Academy of Public Administration Announces Bipartisan Team of Senior Advisors to Oversee Presidential *Transition 2016* Efforts

Transition Panels are in Full Swing Following Successful Academy Fall Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC -- The National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) today announced a bipartisan team of senior advisors who will advise the Academy's Presidential *Transition 2016* panels, now in full swing following the Academy's successful annual Fall Meeting held December 3.

"The Academy's Fall Meeting this year was one of the best yet," said Dan Blair, President and CEO of the Academy. "We had tremendous participation from public administration leaders and experts, and one of the top issues was the upcoming Presidential transition. We are pleased to announce that a blue-ribbon, bipartisan team of senior advisors will oversee our *Transition 2016* panels, which are working hard to develop recommendations that will ensure a smooth transition from President Obama to our next President."

"Tomorrow, President Obama will deliver his last State of the Union address," said Ed DeSeve, co-chairman of *Transition 2016*. "The Academy has reached out to six of its most prominent Fellows to help in providing insight and advice to the next President who will deliver next year's State of the Union. This insight and advice will focus on better managing government and successfully implementing programs."

The following public administration leaders will advise the four *Transition 2016* panels, which include Collaboration Across Boundaries; Using Evidence Based Approaches to Improve Program Performance; Bringing Strategic Foresight to Bear in Program Planning and Management; and Recruiting, Preparing, Retaining and Rewarding Highly Qualified Career and Appointed Officials:

- Steve Goldsmith, Former Mayor of Indianapolis
- Sean O'Keefe, Former Secretary of the Navy and Administrator of NASA
- Alice Rivlin, Former Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors
- Donna Shalala, Former Secretary of Health and Human Services
- George Voinovich, Former U.S. Senator from Ohio, Governor of Ohio, and

Mayor of Cleveland

• Paul Volcker, Former Chair of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and current Chair of the Volcker Alliance

The Academy's *Transition 2016* initiative is designed to advise the incoming 2016 Presidential Administration on effective management improvement initiatives; identifying and overcoming government management challenges; and identifying key Presidentially-appointed agency management positions. The initiative is led by Academy Fellows Ed DeSeve, a former official during the Obama and Clinton Administrations, and David Chu, a former official during the Reagan and both Bush Administrations. The Academy also is working with the American Society for Public Administration in offering management recommendations and trusted advice to build a more agile, responsive and resilient government. Learn more about *Transition 2016* at 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.

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