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National Performance Management Advisory Commission Meets to Continue work on Framework

(Lexington, KY, October 22, 2008) The National Performance Management Advisory Commission met in Lexington, KY and agreed on the major components of a national principles-based framework for public sector performance measurement and management.

In February 2008, representatives of 11 leading public interest associations joined forces to establish the Commission to begin work on the framework. Currently there is no comprehensive framework for public sector performance measurement and management in the United States

The Commission agreed on five key components that will comprise the proposed framework:

- Rationale – The importance of performance management to public sector jurisdictions.
- Principles – Overriding statements that apply to all performance management systems.
- Drivers – Person or groups that provide motivation and leadership to implement performance management systems.
- Practices – Specific strategies, tactics, and tools that stem from the principles and support performance management in action
- Results – The significant benefits stakeholders can expect to realize through the application of performance management principles and practices.

Over the next six months, the Commission will be working to build upon the basic framework identified at the meeting. In addition, the Commission will be conducting field research to identify state and local governments whose experience exemplifies one or more of the framework components.

The Commission is expected to complete a first draft of the framework in May 2009. Following the draft release, there will be an extensive outreach and public comment

period. Public outreach will include web postings, presentation at national conferences, sponsored by founding organizations, and other public forums.

Information on the commission's progress will be posted on its Web site at <http://www.PMCommission.org>. Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Commission's website and review preliminary drafts of the framework as well as issue papers that have been drafted to inform the discussions and deliberations. Public input and comment is encouraged and welcomed.

About the Commission

The National Performance Management Advisory Commission represents a collaborative effort of 11 leading public management organizations to develop a framework for performance management for state and local governments. The framework is intended to assist governments in designing new performance measurement and management systems and assessing their existing systems. Representatives to the Commission include appointed and elected officials from state and local governments from throughout the United States. The following are the founding organizations: Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO); National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO); Council of State Governments (CSG); Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); International City/County Management Association (ICMA); National Association of Counties (NACo); National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT); National Center for State Courts (NCSC); National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); National League of Cities (NLC); and U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)

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