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FEDERAL MANAGERS WORK TOWARD GREATER EFFECTIVENESS

Washington—According to the latest President’s Management Agenda (PMA) Scorecard released today by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), agencies are improving their ability to be more effective.

“Federal agencies have significantly greater ability to be effective today than they did in 2001 when they began working on the PMA,” said Clay Johnson. “But having the ability to be effective is not enough. Those scores must translate into real results, and agencies must demonstrate that what they are doing is making government more effective.”

Nearly 50 percent of agencies have achieved a top rating on the scorecard, up from 35 percent a year ago at the same time. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Agency for International Development, and the Office of Personnel Management all achieved top status in the Improved Financial Performance Initiative, proving that they have accurate and timely financial information they use to manage their programs. The Environmental Protection Agency improved to green for the Budget and Performance Integration Initiative, demonstrating its ability to improve performance with the regular analysis of program performance information. The latest scorecard can be found at: www.results.gov/agenda/scorecard.html

While several agencies improved in the E-government initiative, others were downgraded primarily as a result of deficiencies in their use of Enterprise Architecture. Agencies were assessed based on their use of Enterprise Architecture to maximize efficiency of cross-agency initiatives, implement Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6), realize efficiencies, and improve program performance. Where agencies are deficient in their use of Enterprise Architecture, they have plans in place to improve their performance this quarter.

In the next quarter, agencies will set goals for where they will be “proud to be” on the President’s Management Agenda by 2008. “Agencies will be proud to be more effective. The President has congratulated agency leadership on developing these enhanced management capabilities, but charged them to make sure the government works better as a result, over the next few years and beyond,” said Johnson.

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