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**TWO NEW INITIATIVES ADDED TO
PRESIDENT'S MANAGEMENT AGENDA SCORECARD**

Washington—The latest President's Management Agenda (PMA) Scorecard released today by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) included two new areas where selected agencies will be assessed—the Improved Credit Management Initiative and the Health Information Quality and Transparency Initiative.

Through the Improved Credit Management Initiative, agencies will strengthen how they award and service Federal loans, manage their portfolios, and collect debt. The Federal Government is one of the world's largest lenders. It had \$251 billion in direct loans outstanding and over \$1.1 trillion in loan guarantees as of the end of fiscal year 2006. This initiative is supported by the Federal Credit Council, consisting of representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, and the Small Business Administration.

The Health Information Quality and Transparency Initiative aims to ensure that Federal healthcare agencies adopt and promote measures that promote consumer access to healthcare pricing and quality data, while implementing interoperable health information technology and standards. The Administration's goal is to make electronic health records available to most Americans by 2014. The following agencies participate in this initiative: the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, and Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Personnel Management.

Overall, agencies' performance in implementing the President's Management Agenda this quarter was uneven with 13 downgrades and 9 upgrades in status. The latest scorecard can be found at: www.results.gov/agenda/scorecard.html.

“I congratulate those agencies that improved their management disciplines over the past quarter and achieved green on the Scorecard,” said Clay Johnson, OMB Deputy Director for Management. “I also acknowledge some setbacks. I'm glad that we're making sure the improvements we make are real and sustained, and I am confident that we'll see improvement next quarter.”

The greatest number of challenges was in the area of competitive sourcing, where some agencies have not continued vigorous efforts to identify opportunities to improve effectiveness and efficiency.

“Because labor unions continue to communicate myths about Competitive Sourcing, we have to do a better job educating Congress and the public about the value of Competitive Sourcing. It's the best way for agencies to find the most effective way to serve the American people and to free up more than \$6 billion to support higher priority programs,” said Johnson.

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