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**REPORT TO IMPROVE THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION PROCESS CALLS FOR MAJOR
CHANGES TO ENSURE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF AMERICANS**

Forty percent of Top Senate-confirmed Obama Administration Positions Still Vacant

MEDIA ADVISORY

WASHINGTON – On Wednesday, January 13 approaching the first year anniversary of the Obama administration, the Partnership for Public Service will release a report on improving the presidential transition process – a process that relies too much on “hope and luck,” according to the report.

Based on exclusive interviews with key transition officials from both the Obama and McCain campaigns, and the Bush White House, ***Ready to Govern: Improving the Presidential Transition*** examines the transition beginning early 2008 through the President’s first year in office. The report takes a behind-the-scenes look at the Obama and McCain transition operations and their successes and shortcomings. Report recommendations to the White House, campaigns and Congress include making major fixes to the Presidential Transition Act so the next president can be ready to govern on day one.

“Hope and luck are not a strategy,” said Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service president. “During such volatile times with countless national security threats, economic woes and the increased demand on our government we need to dramatically overhaul our transition system so new presidents can quickly get their teams in place.”

At the report release, a panel of key transition officials from both the Obama and McCain campaigns will discuss the findings and recommendations.

WHAT: *Ready to Govern: Improving the Presidential Transition* report release and panel discussion with transition officials from Obama and McCain campaigns

WHO: Chris Lu, Cabinet Secretary and Executive Director, Obama Transition Team; Russ Gerson, Transition Planning Committee Personnel Director, McCain Campaign; Martha Kumar, Director, White House Transition Project; and Max Stier, President and CEO, Partnership for Public Service

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 13, 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: The National Press Club, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

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BACKGROUND: The Partnership for Public Service is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to revitalize the federal government by inspiring a new generation to serve and by transforming the way government works. *Ready to Govern* will be available at www.ourpublicservice.org.

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