ASPA KICKS OFF CONFERENCE FOR PUBLIC MANAGERS
DRAWS 1,200 PUBLIC SERVANTS TO LAS VEGAS

Washington, DC – In the wake of a slow recovering economy and shifting landscapes for state and local governments, more than 1,200 public administrators and nonprofit managers and employees, students and scholars gathered in Las Vegas to discuss the changing relationships between nonprofits, individuals, civil society and the public sector.

On March 2, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) kicked off its Annual Conference, a five-day meeting that brings together a diverse group of experts, practitioners, and scholars. Through a variety of workshops, forums and keynote presentations, attendees address concerns about the public sector, public management and to discuss creative solutions for the challenges facing government. The conference theme “Redefining Public Service through Civic Engagement” serves as a guide for discussions.

The conference features keynote presentations by top federal and state officials, including [name] the deputy director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as well as renowned experts in the public management field like Dr. Walter Broadnax of the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University. [OPM deputy director] will provide the keynote address on Saturday, March 3 and Dr. Broadnax will present the Elliot Richardson Lecture series on Sunday, March 4. In addition to the presentations, attendees will enjoy special events and lecturers featuring specialists and top scholars.

The ASPA Annual Conference has drawn exciting and high profile individuals who have shared knowledge of their experience and the role of public servants, including the former Secretary of Energy for Mexico Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza and Commissioner of Georgia Michael Thurmond.

In its 73rd year, the ASPA Annual Conference is the largest and most comprehensive gathering of public administration professionals. It attracts public servants from the local, state and federal level, nonprofit executives and professionals as well as international experts and government workers.

To find out more about the ASPA Annual Conference, visit www.aspanet.org/2012conference.

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