GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY TOP ISSUES FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS AT ASPA CONFERENCE

Public sector leaders share ways to improve and increase efficiency in government and nonprofits

Washington, DC – While politicians in Washington may be stuck in gridlock, more than 1,000 public administrators from local, state and federal government, as well as nonprofit leaders, students and scholars gathered in New Orleans to discuss ways to improve governance and create sustainable best practices.

On March 15, 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 discuss creative solutions for the challenges facing government. The 2013 conference theme “Governance & Sustainability: Local Concerns, Global Challenges” serves as a guide for discussions.

Attendees heard from leading public officials, including Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne of Louisiana and Gene L. Dodaro, the Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Lt. Gov. Dardenne provided the keynote address on Saturday, March 16 and Mr. Dodaro presented the Elliot Richardson Lecture on Sunday, March 17.

Additionally, ASPA honored exemplary public servants, as it does every year during the conference. Judge Garry T. Ichikawa, Superior Court of California in County of Solano, received the Gloria Hobson Nordin Social Equity Award for his outstanding efforts to promote social justice and equity. ASPA also honored leading public servants with National Public Service Awards in addition to giving recognition to outstanding practitioners, students and academics with ASPA awards.

In its 74th year, the ASPA Annual Conference is the largest and most comprehensive gathering of public administration professionals. The conference routinely attracts high profile international public servants, public administrators from the local, state and federal level, nonprofit executives and professionals, as well as global experts and government workers.

To find out more about the ASPA Annual Conference, visit www.aspanet.org/2013conference.

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