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**Progress Implementing President's Management Agenda Significant But Not Uniform,
According to First Progress Report**

NASA receives top marks; Several departments commended

Washington, DC – Progress implementing the President's Management Agenda has been significant in many agencies but not uniform across the federal government, according to the first semi-annual progress report released this week by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The progress report, which is contained in the Mid-Session Review, is available at www.omb.gov.

"Many agencies are already seeing the first benefits of the initiatives that make up the President's Management Agenda. The early results should serve as an example for those agencies that have been slow to heed the President's call for reform and results," said OMB Director Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

"Since taking office, President Bush has focused on improving the management of federal agencies. Recent events clearly illustrate the fundamental importance of accountability and transparency to any organization's health," said OMB Controller Mark W. Everson.

With the progress report, OMB released the Executive Branch Management Scorecard, which evaluates federal agencies and departments on their implementation of the government-wide initiatives laid out in the President's Management Agenda. NASA received across-the-board green progress reports, the top performance in the federal government. The Departments of Commerce, Education, Energy, Labor, and Treasury, as well as the Office of Personnel Management and Small Business Administration, also received superior marks.

On the other hand, the Department of Agriculture, which received three red progress scores, the Corps of Engineers, which received two, and the Departments of the Interior and Transportation, which, along with the Agency for International Development and the Smithsonian, received one red score each, have room for improvement.

The President's Management Agenda is composed of five government-wide reforms: strategic management of human capital, competitive sourcing, improved financial performance, expanded E-government, and budget and performance integration. Each federal department is evaluated in the Executive Branch Management Scorecard.

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