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OMB's Robert Shea receives the 2006 Executive Leadership Award for Information Resources Management

Washington, DC—The Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM) has chosen Robert Shea, Counselor to the Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Budget and Management, as this year's recipient of the Executive Leadership Award for Information Resource Management. Since 1979, this award has been presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the IT community.

Shea has earned recognition for his leadership in making Federal programs more effective, accessible, and accountable through programs such as *Expectmore.gov* and the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), tools designed to increase transparency and accountability in the Federal government.

"Robert has succeeded in making *Expectmore.gov* an effective and accessible tool for both taxpayers and the Federal government. His efforts have delivered real results," said Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management at OMB. "We can now accurately assess the effectiveness of government programs across-the-board. For the first time, we can see which programs are working, and which ones need work. This is a significant accomplishment, and I'm proud that Robert has been recognized for his efforts to hold government accountable."

Shea conceived and oversaw implementation of *Expectmore.gov*, a comprehensive website that details assessments of Federal programs that have been conducted using the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). The PART identifies programs' strengths and weakness in order for agencies to better identify actions needed to improve the program. Currently, 80 percent of Federal programs have been assessed, with the remaining 20 percent scheduled for assessment this year.

AFFIRM is a non-profit, education organization whose goal is to improve information management within the Federal government. Shea will receive the 2006 Leadership Award at AFFIRM's annual luncheon event Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, DC at 12:00 p.m.

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