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OMB Announces Establishment of Services Acquisition Advisory Panel

Washington, D.C. – The Office of Management and Budget announced today the membership of an acquisition advisory panel to review various aspects of Government contracting. The Panel is authorized by Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act (SARA), and is comprised of recognized experts in Government acquisition law and policy. Some of the topics the Panel will examine include the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, and government-wide contracts. The Panel is required to submit a report to OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy and both houses of Congress within one year of its establishment.

“SARA comports well with President Bush's strong and continued support for government-wide management reform, and we have worked closely with Congress on enacting it,” said David Safavian, OMB's Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. “This nonpartisan Panel consists of very capable and respected individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds, both within and outside the government. We look forward to receiving the Panel's recommendations on effective ways to improve government contracting.”

The Panel's members are:

Louis M. Addeo, President, AT&T Government Solutions;
Frank J. Anderson, Jr., President, Defense Acquisition University;
Allan V. Burman, President, Jefferson Solutions and former Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy;
Carl DeMaio, President and Founder of the Performance Institute;
Marshall J. Doke, Jr., Partner, Government Contracts, Gardere Wynne Sewell;
David Drabkin, Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration;
Jonathan Etherton, Vice President, Legislative Affairs, Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc., and former staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee;
James A. Hughes, Jr., Deputy General Counsel for Acquisition, Department of the Air Force;
Deidre A. Lee, Director for Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense;
Tom Luedtke, Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
Marcia G. Madsen, Partner, Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw, and past Chair of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law;
Melanie R. Sabelhaus, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration;
Joshua I. Schwartz, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Government Procurement Law Program, George Washington University Law School; and
Roger D. Waldron, Director, Acquisition Management Center, General Services Administration.

Marcia Madsen will serve as Chairperson of the Panel and Laura Auletta, Chairperson of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council, will serve as the Panel's Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director). The Panel's first meeting is scheduled to be held February 9, 2005 at the White House Conference Center. The first meeting will be strictly administrative in nature and will include briefings by OMB and GSA staff on administrative issues.

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