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***Public Interest Associations to Create a National Performance Management
Advisory Commission***

Denver, Co. – February 6, 2008 – Representatives of 9 leading state and local public interest associations have joined forces to set up a commission charged with creating a national principles-based framework for public sector performance measurement and management, they announced today at a meeting in Denver.

The organizations are the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO); National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO); Council of State Governments (CSG); Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); International City/County Management Association (ICMA); National Association of Counties (NACo); National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT); National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); and the National League of Cities (NLC).

Although performance management has increasingly become a standard practice among state and local governments, there is no commonly accepted framework or set of guidelines. The framework is intended to assist governments in designing new performance measurement and management systems and assessing their existing systems. The Advisory Commission will not prescribe specific measures or a specific system. Rather, the framework is intended to be flexible and adaptable to the unique and diverse environments of state and local government while providing a common frame of reference and leading practices.

The Commission will be made up of elected and appointed public officials representing the sponsoring organizations as well as leaders in the field from management, research organizations, and academia. The Commission is expected to complete its work within the next two years, during which it will identify critical issues, solicit feedback from government practitioners and other interested parties, and then provide a public review draft and a final version of the framework.

Information on the Commission's progress will be posted on its Web site at <http://www.PMCommission.org>. Draft documents for public review will also be posted, and the site will be used to solicit feedback from interested parties.

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