

READY to *GOVERN*

ENSURING A SMOOTH AND SAFE TRANSFER OF POWER



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the government's
top political
appointees
were still not
confirmed
during the first
year of the
Clinton, Bush
and Obama
administrations.**

While presidential transitions are often thought of as a hallmark of American democracy, the truth is that they are a period of great vulnerability for our nation.

For more than 200 years, our federal government has transferred presidential power relying primarily on oral history, with each administration reinventing what needs to be done rather than building on what was done before. The result has been that every administration starts slowly and behind, which diminishes the capacity of our government and threatens economic and national security.

Together we can change this narrative so that future administrations are ready to govern our nation from day one.

Our goal is to fundamentally improve the presidential transition process so that our federal government has the right leadership, on time, and prepared for the job of serving and protecting our country. Building on work with presidential transition teams in 2008, Ready to Govern® was formally launched as a multi-year program in early 2015.

Through Ready to Govern we take a nonpartisan approach to convening major candidates and their staffs and to supporting their transition efforts throughout the election cycle. We will host numerous roundtables on management issues that will help inform a series of papers and a capstone Management Roadmap for the incoming administration, advocate for needed process reforms and help prepare hundreds of political appointees to succeed in the federal sector.

ASSIST THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WITH PLANNING

We are helping candidates prepare to lead by compiling all the best practices and advice of prior transition teams into the Ready to Govern Transition Guide, creating an archive of past transition documents, and conducting a series of nonpartisan conferences for candidates and their transition teams prior to the general election.

ENGAGE CONGRESS IN TRANSITION REFORMS

The Partnership communicates regularly with candidates from both political parties and White House staff to influence legislation that will codify best practices from prior presidential transitions and improve access to training for new appointees. The Partnership also promotes important changes that don't require legislation, such as streamlining the forms used in the confirmation process and creating "surge capacity" in Senate committees to confirm a high volume of nominees.

IDENTIFY SOUND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

The Partnership and its partners are convening experts from across sectors to develop a nonpartisan Management Roadmap that candidates and the next administration can consult to address critical federal management challenges and make our government more citizen focused and results oriented. Our series of roundtables and research reports will reinforce the necessity to modernize the management of our government.

PREPARE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES TO SUCCEED IN GOVERNMENT

The Partnership helps prepare new federal executives for challenges that are unique to the federal sector. Through a series of seminars on topics including ethics, the federal budget process and working with Congress, the Partnership has already assisted more than 500 political appointees. We intend to work with more than 3,000 appointees throughout the 2017 transition.

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ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The federal government is our tool for collective action. It is through the federal government that we, as a nation, confront our most pressing problems, from national security to food safety to global competitiveness. We need our government to be effective, efficient and responsive to the evolving needs of the American people.

The Partnership for Public Service is a unique nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving a more effective and innovative government for our country. Not bigger or smaller government, just smarter. And we do so by focusing our efforts on improving the leadership capacity of our federal agencies and the systems that support them.

The Partnership teams with federal agencies and other stakeholders to make our government more effective and efficient. We pursue this goal by:

- Providing assistance to federal agencies to improve their management and operations, and to strengthen their leadership capacity;
- Promoting accountability by generating research on, and effective responses to, the workforce challenges facing our federal government;
- Advocating for needed legislative and regulatory reforms to strengthen and make government more effective;
- Identifying and celebrating government's successes so they can be replicated across government; and
- Conducting outreach to college campuses and job seekers to promote public service.



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