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RUTGERS, SLOAN FOUNDATION UNVEIL PUBLIC PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING NETWORK

Free web-based network offers resources for more efficient participatory government

(Newark, N.J., Feb. 15, 2007) -- Are you interested in making government more effective? Are you are a municipal manager, elected official, academic, member of a non-profit organization, or just a concerned citizen? Then Rutgers and the Sloan Foundation have an offer for you: A new free service, the Public Performance Measurement and Reporting Network (PPMRN).

This web-based network has just been launched by the National Center for Public Performance at the Rutgers School for Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA), Newark, in partnership with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, according to Public Affairs and Administration Dean Marc Holzer. The network connects groups of citizens, government officials, public and non-profit managers, researchers, faculty and students who are dedicated to measuring, reporting and improving public sector and not-for profit performance. PPMRN provides extensive resources for public sector performance measurement and reporting through access to performance measures, performance reporting models, case studies, government documents, articles, books, conferences and other resources, explains Holzer. Moreover, "A listserv, e-newsletter and national/regional conferences will connect members of the network and encourage queries and ongoing dialogue," he states.

Holzer notes that for more than three decades, the National Center has advocated performance measurement and reporting as the means to more efficient, effective and

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participatory government. This new network links to **all** of the National Center's work in this area, including the journal *Public Performance and Management Review*, a Performance Measurement System for Municipalities, books, articles, reports, an Online Public Performance Measurement Certificate, and conference proceedings. "Those who register for the free membership will find the network to be a substantial, timely and dynamic resource," says Holzer.

Some of the resources available through the network include:

- Extensive, full-text database of thousands of resources
- Online discussions targeted to specific user groups
- National/regional conferences
- Links to online training, books, software, etc.
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Please visit www.ppmrn.net to register for a free membership in the network.

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