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**PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE APPLAUDS SENS. DANIEL
AKAKA AND GEORGE VOINOVICH FOR INTRODUCING THE
“FEDERAL HIRING PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009”**

Washington, D.C. -- The Partnership for Public Service released the following statement applauding Sens. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and George Voinovich (R-OH) for introducing legislation that will improve the federal hiring process:

“At a time when Americans are increasingly looking to government for strong leadership, when President Obama stated he wants to make government ‘cool again,’ and when government will be hiring hundreds of thousands of employees to replace baby boomers and help get the economy moving again, we must act to ensure qualified applicants are able to get through the application process.

The Partnership for Public Service applauds Senators Akaka and Voinovich for their leadership in introducing legislation that will take into consideration the federal applicant, not just the agency. Making the process more transparent, timely, clear and ‘user-friendly’ will ensure applicants walk away with a positive opinion of the federal application process. We are particularly encouraged by the strategic workforce plan agencies will be required to submit to OPM. This will help agencies by thinking through what their needs are and how they can best address them. In addition, measuring recruitment and hiring trends, manager and applicant satisfaction, and the effectiveness of the process will allow the government to continuously make adjustments as times require.”

- Max Stier, President and CEO
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