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NINE STAND-OUT PUBLIC SERVANTS TO RECEIVE COVETED SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDALS AT WASHINGTON, D.C. GALA

Winners hail from D.C., Atlanta, New York and Pakistan; Elizabeth Vargas, co-anchor, ABC News “20/20” to host gala

WASHINGTON – On Wednesday, September 23, the Partnership for Public Service will present the 2009 *Service to America Medals* – including *Federal Employee of the Year* – to nine outstanding public servants who are working on the nation’s most pressing challenges and are making the world safer, healthier and greener.

Winners of the prestigious awards include federal workers who boast achievements in international affairs, homeland security, health research, patient care, reducing homelessness, combating environmental degradation, helping Americans avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes, and reducing air pollution.

WHAT: The 8th annual *Service to America Medals Awards Gala*

WHO: Host **Elizabeth Vargas**, co-anchor, ABC News “20/20”

Nine 2009 *Service to America Medals* recipients from Washington, D.C., Atlanta, New York and Pakistan (**please call for embargoed list of winners**)

Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service President and CEO

Medal presenters include: **Secretary Eric Shinseki**, Department of Veterans Affairs; **Admiral Dennis Blair**, Director of National Intelligence; **Peter Orszag**, Director, Office of Management and Budget; **Sheila Bair**, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; **Nancy Powell**, Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State; **Bill Corr**, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; **Tom Perrelli**, Associate Attorney General Department of Justice; and **Alan Solomont**, Chair of the Corporation for National and Community Service and Ambassador-designate to Spain.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23

5:30 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner and awards

WHERE: Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium

1301 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

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BACKGROUND: The *Service to America Medals* program was created in 2002 by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service to honor our federal government's most outstanding employees. It has earned a reputation as one of the most prestigious awards programs dedicated to celebrating America's civil servants. The medal winners were nominated by colleagues familiar with their work and selected by a committee that includes U.S. Senator Thad Cochran; E. J. Dionne, Jr., columnist, *The Washington Post*; Howard Fineman, senior Washington correspondent and columnist, *Newsweek*; U.S. Representative Darrell Issa; Vernon Jordan, Jr., senior managing director, Lazard Frères & Co.; Marguerite Kondracke, president and CEO, America's Promise Alliance; Steven Knapp, president, The George Washington University; Janet Murguía, president and CEO, National Council of La Raza; and Judith Rodin, president, Rockefeller Foundation.

National sponsors for the *Service to America Medals* are DuPont, GEICO and the Graduate School.

The Partnership for Public Service works to revitalize federal government by inspiring a new generation to serve and by transforming the way government works.

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