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**FEMA DIRECTOR PAULISON PRESS BRIEFING ON GOVERNMENT AFTER KATRINA:
LESSONS LEARNED**

Covering Katrina: Trends in Katrina Media Coverage Report to be Released

Washington, D.C. – On Friday, August 18, the Partnership for Public Service will hold a press briefing on **Government after Katrina: Lessons Learned** featuring new **FEMA Director R. David Paulison**. This is a key opportunity to find out more about FEMA's efforts to improve its emergency preparedness since Hurricane Katrina – directly from the man charged with leading these reforms.

In addition, the Partnership will release a report, "**Covering Katrina: Trends in Katrina Media Coverage**," that analyzes trends in Hurricane Katrina media coverage over the past year, particularly examining the number of stories about topics such as poverty, lessons learned, and fraud and waste.

The press briefing is the first in a series the Partnership for Public Service will host with partner, U.S. Newswire. The briefings are part of the Partnership's Government after Katrina project devoted to improving government performance by sharing information about this historic disaster and highlighting Katrina's lessons to drive forward-looking solutions. As part of the project the Partnership has just released a key set of recommendations for effective government available on a new website, www.governmentafterkatrina.org, a one stop site for all recent news articles, reports, and opinion pieces on Katrina and the governmental response.

WHO: FEMA Director R. David Paulison
Max Stier, President Partnership for Public Service

WHAT: Government after Katrina: Lessons Learned press briefing and breakfast

WHEN: Friday, August 18, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Zenger Room, The National Press Club
529 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Media may participate in the Press Briefing by telephone
Please call Sarah Howe at 202-775-9111 for more information and to RSVP

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BACKGROUND: Government after Katrina is a project of the Partnership for Public Service supported by the Ford Foundation. Upcoming press briefings with government leaders and Katrina experts will include Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding Federal Coordinator Donald Powell on Tuesday, August 22nd and GAO Comptroller General David Walker on September 6th.

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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