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PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WELCOMES JAMES-CHRISTIAN BLOCKWOOD AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON – The nonpartisan, nonprofit Partnership for Public Service announced today that James-Christian Blockwood has joined the organization as executive vice president. In this role, Blockwood will be responsible for implementing the overall strategy of the organization as well as overseeing its programs dedicated to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the federal government.

“James-Christian Blockwood brings to the Partnership for Public Service a proven record of leading across multidisciplinary portfolios, developing forward-looking strategic plans, managing external relationships and establishing new institutional capabilities,” said Max Stier, the Partnership’s president and CEO.

“James-Christian’s deep understanding of management in government from his career across four federal agencies—Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Government Accountability Office—will prove invaluable to the Partnership as we seize this moment for transformational growth,” Stier said. “We are thrilled to welcome him to the Partnership family.”

Since 2001, the Partnership has developed a robust series of programs to improve the federal government’s leadership, management, hiring practices and delivery services to the public. As executive vice president, Blockwood will provide visionary leadership and oversight for all aspects of the Partnership’s programs. Blockwood also will collaborate with the management team and throughout the Partnership to build and cultivate relationships with federal and private sector leaders.

“The Partnership for Public Service has an incredible mission, which may be more important now than at any other time in our recent history,” Blockwood said. “It’s an honor to continue to serve the American people in this new capacity and to work with the dedicated team at the Partnership to strengthen our system of government and bring renewed attention to the vital role our government plays across the country and world.”

Blockwood joins the Partnership from the GAO, where he served as the managing director for strategic planning and external liaison. As managing director, Blockwood played a pivotal role in making sure GAO’s work reflected its mission.

Blockwood's experience in the federal government also includes his role as director for strategic studies with the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he helped establish the department's quadrennial strategic planning process, and created the Federal Foresight Community of Interest to advance problem solving and share resources among federal agencies. Blockwood also served as a Department of Homeland Security deputy director for Latin America where he helped implement the first department-wide international strategy that prioritized engagement with foreign nations. He also worked as an intelligence officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency, where he provided counterterrorism and combat support overseas.

Blockwood was recently honored with the prestigious 2020 Arthur S. Flemming Award for his work in creating two resources that expanded the capacity of accountability organizations worldwide and laid the groundwork for future studies on cutting-edge issues.

During the past 19 years, the nonpartisan, nonprofit Partnership for Public Service has been dedicated to making the federal government more effective for the American people. We work across administrations to help transform the way government operates by increasing collaboration, accountability, efficiency and innovation. Visit **ourpublicservice.org** to learn more. Follow us on social **@RPublicService** and **subscribe** today to get the latest federal news, information on upcoming Partnership programs and events, and more.

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