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Administration Shared Services Announcement Excellent Start But Legislation Needed for Remaining Challenges

Washington, D.C. – The Shared Services Leadership Coalition (SSLC) today applauded Dave Mader, Acting Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget, for announcing changes that will position the Administration for greater success in streamlining and modernizing of the federal government’s back office functions like financial management, human resources and purchasing, by accelerating use of a business model known as shared services.

The following statement comes from John Marshall, SSLC Founder and CEO:

“What Dave Mader announced today is a milestone for shared services, and it’s directly in line with the future vision that’s captured the imagination of the industry and good government communities. He’s putting in place fundamental building blocks of a solid foundation for long term modernization. Major challenges remain, however, that are beyond the powers of the executive branch. Congress must act to broaden the scope and extend the reach of modernization beyond 2016.”

“Legislation is necessary to modernize the financial model supporting federal shared service providers and to institutionalize critical roles and governance capabilities to keep things heading in the right direction through future administrations.

“A powerful non-partisan coalition is working to make the case and build support for legislation. The stars are aligned like never before to make our future vision a reality. We can seize the moment if stakeholders can keep pulling together and convince Congress that good government is good politics.”

Today’s announcement, which came at an event held by the Partnership for Public Service, builds on the President’s budget that included a line item for shared service implementation and a report released earlier this year by the Partnership’s Shared Services Roundtable project.

Fully implemented shared services could produce the most significant modernization and restructuring of the federal bureaucracy since World War II with enormous cost savings and other important benefits. In addition to the cost savings, a shared services model will enhance government performance, transparency, accountability and cyber security.

The Shared Services Leadership Coalition notes that every Presidential Administration from Ronald Reagan through Barack Obama has supported similar reforms. The leading success story to date has been payroll, but it took 26 years to consolidate from dozens of agency-specific platforms to today’s four government-wide platforms, which has delivered estimated savings of \$1.6 Billion so far.

The SSLC laid out [the case](#) for shared services in a white paper, available [here](#).

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About the Shared Services Leadership Coalition

The Shared Services Leadership Coalition (SSLC) is a single-purpose, non-profit coalition of companies, nonprofits, and individuals providing educational and government relations support for legislation to accelerate shared services implementation in the federal government. Created in 2014, Coalition members include Microsoft, Accenture, Avaya, Booz Allen Hamilton, CGI, Deloitte, IBM, the Professional Services Council, the National Academy of Public Administration, the Data Transparency Coalition, the Northern Virginia Technology Council and The Performance Institute. More information about SSLC can be found at: www.SharedServicesNow.org.