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**OPM DIRECTOR JOHN BERRY TO GIVE KEYNOTE
AT 2009 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE**

Journalist /Author Gwen Ifill to Give Luncheon Speech

WASHINGTON — Government Executive Media Group today announced that John Berry, Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, will deliver the closing keynote address to federal managers attending the Excellence in Government (EIG) conference on July 20th, 2009 at The Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.

John Berry was sworn in as the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management on April 13, 2009. Nominated by President Barack Obama, Berry was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As Director, Berry serves as the chief architect of human resources policies for 1.9 million Federal employees nationwide.

This year's EIG conference is comprised of three one day sessions designed to offer federal managers strategies and best practices for positioning both themselves and their agencies for success in the rapidly changing federal landscape.

Gwen Ifill, famed Washington journalist, will be the featured luncheon speaker. Ms. Ifill is the moderator and managing editor of *Washington Week* and is a senior correspondent of *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. She is the author of *The Breakthrough*, autographed copies of which will be given to attendees.

The July 20th event, dubbed EIG II, is the second installment of a 3-part series of one day conferences. The agenda, which is compiled primarily by federal managers, will focus on the organizational and capacity issues facing federal agencies as they work to implement sweeping new government policies and initiatives while also facing dramatic changes in the federal workforce. EIG III will be held October 5th and will focus on driving program performance and enhancing transparency.

"This ambitious conference series addresses the onset of fundamental changes about to take place in the way our federal government works," noted Steven M. Vito, President and Group Publisher, Government Executive Media Group. "And at such an important time, we are more proud than ever to offer federal managers *the* key learning opportunity of the year."

About Excellence in Government (EIG)

Produced by Government Executive Media Group, the Excellence in Government Conference Series is a 3-part series dedicated to creating high-performance government. Now in its 14th year, EIG offers federal managers access to high-profile keynote speakers and practical, innovative breakout sessions as well as the opportunity to network with colleagues and visit exhibits from prominent suppliers of goods and services. Each of the EIG 2009 events will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building in the heart of the nation's capital. More information on EIG 2009 can be found at www.excelgov.com.

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