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Van Milligen Named National Academy of Public Administration Fellow

DUBUQUE, Iowa –Dubuque City Manager Michael C. Van Milligen has been named a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow by the Academy’s board of directors.

Van Milligen was inducted at the Academy’s fall meeting in Washington, DC, Nov. 18-19. As part of the event’s opening, Van Milligen was able to attend a ceremony awarding the Academy’s Elliot Richardson Prize to former Secretary of State James Baker and U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell.

“As a NAPA Fellow, I am going to have the opportunity to learn from the best and brightest in public administration in the world,” said Van Milligen. “This is a humbling honor and I hope I can make some small contribution to their work.”

To be selected as a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow, individuals must be nominated by three existing Fellows, be recommended for consideration by a nominating committee of existing Fellows, and then be elected by a vote of all Fellows.

Van Milligen is one of 30 new Fellows elected this year, including U.S. Senator George Voinovich. He is one of just 72 current or former city or county managers who are Fellows. Before the addition of the 2010 Fellows, the 680 Fellows of the National Academy of Public Administration included:

- 8 current or former members of the U.S. Congress
- 18 current or former presidential cabinet members
- 35 current or former federal department deputy and undersecretaries
- 90 current or former federal department assistant secretaries
- 49 current or former federal agency commissioners or administrators
- 8 current or former governors
- 32 current or former state government cabinet members
- 18 current or former mayors
- 33 current or former chancellors or presidents of colleges and universities
- 82 current or former deans of colleges and universities

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Academy Fellows include:

- Thad W. Allen, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant and former Vice Admiral and Chief of Staff, Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security;
- David S. Broder, national political correspondent and columnist, The Washington Post;
- Elizabeth M. Duke, former administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Service;
- Stuart E. Eizenstat, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Treasury and executive director of Domestic Policy Staff, The White House;
- Paul H. O'Neill, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, chairman and CEO of the Aluminum Company of America, and president of International Paper Company;
- Alice M. Rivlin, former vice chairperson of the Federal Reserve Board, director and of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, and director of the Congressional Budget Office; and
- William D. Ruckelshaus, former chairman and CEO of Browning-Ferris Industries, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Deputy U.S. Attorney General, and acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The National Academy of Public Administration was created by Congress to help public sector leaders meet the important and varied management challenges of today and anticipate those of the future. Chartered by Congress as an independent, non-partisan organization, the National Academy undertakes its important work on behalf of the public sector by anticipating, evaluating, analyzing and making recommendations on the nation's most critical and complex public management, governance, policy and operational challenges. Through the trusted and experienced leaders that comprise its 680 Fellows and direct its projects and services, the National Academy improves the quality, performance and accountability of government.

Under contracts with government agencies, some of which are directed by Congress, as well as grants from private foundations, the National Academy of Public Administration provides insights on key public management issues, as well as advisory services to government agencies

The academy also provides opportunities for its Fellows to exchange and develop ideas on a variety of government management and policy issues. The academy supports five standing panels that provide input to the academy's agenda of studies and serve as collegial forums for fellows to exchange ideas and interact with experts outside the academy, including senior government officials.

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