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National Academy of Public Administration Names Peter C. Hutchinson as Fellow

Saint Paul, MN (Nov. 20, 2008)—Peter C. Hutchinson joined the select ranks of Fellows of the [National Academy of Public Administration](#) today during an induction ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Academy is an independent, nonpartisan organization chartered by Congress and is involved in the most important and complex governance issues that public administrators face. Since 1967, it has provided trusted advice to leaders around the world on issues of governance and public management.

Kathy Tunheim, chair of the Bush Foundation's Board, said, "The Board entrusted Peter with the Foundation's leadership because of the same expertise that makes him a perfect partner in the Academy's work—strong leadership and a great skill for solving complex problems. It is not a surprise that an organization with the effectiveness and reach of the Academy has chosen Peter for this honor."

The Academy works closely with all levels of government, civic organizations, congressional committees, international organizations and others. When such an organization requests advice or assistance of the Academy, it chooses advisors with experience relevant to the organization's need from its pool of more than 500 Fellows. These Fellows include current and former public managers and scholars, business executives and labor leaders, Cabinet officers, members of Congress, governors, mayors, state legislators and diplomats. In addition to advising the Academy's clients on specific projects, Fellows also help the Academy address emerging issues and contribute to the intellectual and popular discourse on government.

Current Academy Fellows elect new Fellows each year. The principal criterion for selection is a sustained and outstanding contribution to the field of public administration through public service or scholarship. Hutchinson said, "Those who serve as Academy Fellows have contributed substantially to solving the problems inherent in public administration. It is a privilege to join with them in learning and serving."

Hutchinson became president of the [Bush Foundation](#) in late 2007. Under his leadership, in July 2008 the Foundation announced its [Goals for a Decade](#)—in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota to develop courageous leaders and engage entire communities in solving problems, to support the self-determination of Native nations and to increase educational achievement.

Prior to taking up the leadership of the Bush Foundation, Hutchinson co-founded Public Strategies Group, a St. Paul company that redesigns and transforms governments throughout the world. He has also served as the vice president for external affairs and chairman of the Dayton Hudson Foundation, commissioner of finance for the State of Minnesota, superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools and deputy mayor in Minneapolis. In 2006, he was the Independence Party candidate for Minnesota governor. Hutchinson is coauthor with David Osborne of *The Price of Government: Getting the Results We Need in an Age of Permanent Fiscal Crisis*. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs.

The **Bush Foundation** was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth. The Foundation strives to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by investing in courageous *and* effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of people in these three states.

(A photo of Hutchinson is available at 651-379-2238 or vtirrel@bushfoundation.org.)