

The Public Manager

***The Public Manager* Spotlights Government Networking and Collaboration in Fall 2009 Issue**

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(Alexandria, VA) October 8, 2009 – Are the entities that make up government bureaucracies – officials, units, agencies, contractors – beginning to network and collaborate with each other to achieve better governance? That is the theme of the Fall 2009 issue of *The Public Manager*, the quarterly journal for public management practitioners, available October 15.

The issue's feature article, "Strategic Public Sector Learning and Development" focuses on what agencies can do to ensure that current thinking, tools, and techniques are used systematically in the government workforce. Technology's role in these issues is spotlighted in an article about GovLoop, a platform that provides an open and accelerated flow of information and is already positively impacting performance across all levels of government. Performance management and the culture of bureaucracy are also explored in several articles by experienced practitioners.

"Emergency Management 2009" is the umbrella topic for a mini-forum in this issue. Articles deal with: using a collaborative strategy to rebuild the nation's electricity infrastructure; the use of Geographical Information Systems – a geospatial technology tool – as a vehicle for emergency management and community planning; links between socioeconomic status and individual's ethical behavior in disasters; civil-military relations in the emergency management milieu; and a look at the work of the American Society for Public Administration's (ASPA) Katrina Task Force in applying lessons learned about the 2005 event for future disaster and recovery efforts.

The full text of the journal articles, and a searchable archive of more than 2,500 past articles, is available through subscription at www.thepublicmanager.org. The website also features electronic forums and blogs through which public management professionals can engage with each other.

The Public Manager and ASPA will hold the second annual conference for public managers November 2-3, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Early bird registration for the conference ends October 16. The conference theme is "*Strengthening Trust in Government: Opening Dialogues. Building Collaborations.*" To register, go to www.thepublicmanager.org/2009conference.

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