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Seeking to Restore Faith in Government, The Volcker Alliance and Senior Executives Association to Engage Award-Winning Public Officials to Help Government Work Better

Washington, D.C. – The Volcker Alliance, a new non-governmental organization aimed at restoring trust in public institutions by improving government performance, and the Professional Development League of the Senior Executives Association are partnering to engage the most accomplished government administrators to provide their expertise to policymakers, senior government officials and researchers. The corps of award-winning current and former senior federal officials will be known as the Distinguished Executives Alumni Network, the DEAN's List.

The DEAN's List will be comprised of past winners of the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, the highest honor given to Senior Professionals and those in the Senior Executive Service, who are willing to provide objective, impartial, often confidential, and sound expertise to advise policy makers and serve as a resource to researchers interested in producing high-quality, relevant research to improve the workings of the federal government. The network will also serve as a forum for Distinguished Rank awardees to connect with one another for advice and to take collective action if they see major opportunities for government improvement. Among the first DEAN's List initiatives, members will be invited to provide feedback and advice on how academic institutions can best prepare those interested in public service for maximum success in government.

"This network has been a long time dream of the Association," said Senior Executives Association President Carol Bonosaro, "and we are grateful to The Volcker Alliance for enabling us to begin building the DEAN's List. For far too long, the government has failed to take advantage of the invaluable resource these awardees represent. With the support of The Volcker Alliance, we are able to develop the means to change that. We trust that the awardees will join us enthusiastically in this venture."

The Volcker Alliance President Shelley Metzenbaum noted, "We count on the federal government to manage many complex challenges of great import to the quality of our lives. We need the federal government to do that well. That is why The Volcker Alliance is proud to include the Senior Executives Association among our growing network of government, educational institutions, business, and public interest enterprise partners we are working alongside to promote effective execution of public policies and to rebuild public trust in government. The DEAN's List promises to be a great resource for advancing those goals by engaging the top one percent of the most highly regarded senior executives and senior professionals in the federal government and allowing elected officials, appointees, other government leaders, and researchers to access their invaluable expertise."

The Senior Executives Association (SEA) is a professional association representing Senior Executive Service members and other career federal executives. Founded in 1980, SEA's goals are: to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and productivity of the federal government; to advance the professionalism and advocate the interests of career federal executives; and to enhance public recognition of their contributions. The SEA Professional Development League (PDL) is a nonprofit educational organization committed to advancing the professionalism of career federal executives through the sponsorship of training, recognition, and research activities.

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