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**Joshua B. Bolten Confirmed as Director of the
Office of Management and Budget**

Washington, D.C. – The United States Senate Thursday night confirmed President Bush's appointment of Joshua B. Bolten as the 35th Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

"Josh Bolten is brilliant, he is tireless, he remains calm in any storm. He is a man of complete integrity. No member of my staff has served with greater skill or earned greater respect amongst his colleagues than Josh Bolten. I'm honored he has agreed to join my Cabinet," said President George W. Bush upon Mr. Bolten's nomination.

As Director of OMB, Mr. Bolten will oversee the preparation of the federal budget and help supervise its administration in Executive Branch agencies. He will work closely with Congress and federal departments to successfully implement the President's agenda, from growing the economy and creating jobs to ensuring a strong national defense and a secure homeland.

"I am pleased and honored to have received the Senate's vote of confidence. I believe the President's program, as reflected in his Budget, is very well designed to meet the nation's greatest challenges: strengthening our economy; securing our homeland; and winning the war on terror. Equally important is the other half of OMB's mandate: federal management. The President's Management Agenda is designed to ensure that the government delivers on its promises, gets the most out of its resources, and puts the great talents of federal employees to good use," said OMB Director Joshua B. Bolten.

Since the beginning of this Administration, Mr. Bolten has served as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy. Prior to coming to the White House, Mr. Bolten was Policy Director of the Bush-Cheney presidential campaign. He also served as Policy Director of the Bush-Cheney transition. From 1994 to 1999, Mr. Bolten was Executive Director, Legal & Government Affairs, for Goldman Sachs International in London.

During the Administration of President George H.W. Bush, Mr. Bolten served for three years as General Counsel to the U.S. Trade Representative and one year in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. Previously, from 1985 to 1989, he was International Trade Counsel to the US Senate Finance Committee. Earlier, Mr. Bolten was in a private law practice with O'Melveny & Myers, and worked in the legal office of the U.S. State Department. He also served as Executive Assistant to the Director of the Kissinger Commission on Central America.

Mr. Bolten received his B.A. with distinction from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (1976) and his J.D. from Stanford Law School (1980), where he was an editor of the *Stanford Law Review*. Immediately after law school, he served as a law clerk at the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. During the fall semester of 1993, Mr. Bolten taught international trade at Yale Law School.

In helping to formulate the President's spending plans, OMB evaluates the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures, and assesses competing funding demands among agencies. OMB ensures that agency reports, rules, testimony, and proposed legislation are consistent with the President's Budget and with Administration policies.

In addition, OMB oversees and coordinates the Administration's procurement, financial management, information, and regulatory policies. In each of these areas, OMB's role is to help improve administrative management, to develop better performance measures and coordinating mechanisms, and to reduce any unnecessary burdens on the public.

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