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Plano City Manager Thomas H. Muehlenbeck Elected to National Academy of Public Administration Fellows

The National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) has announced the election of Plano City Manager Thomas H. Muehlenbeck as a NAPA Fellow. He now joins a pool of Fellows who have demonstrated distinguished experience and/or scholarship in public administration and who serve as the cornerstone of the organization.

Fellows members encompass current and former public managers and scholars, members of Congress, governors, mayors, state legislators and diplomats from around the nation. They provide insight and experience as they oversee Academy projects and provide general guidance. They are also the Academy's primary vehicle for addressing emerging issues and contributing to the intellectual discourse on governments.

"Tom Muehlenbeck is one of those rare persons who has the ability to both identify and successfully address administrative, budgetary, operational and social government challenges," said Plano Mayor Phil Dyer. "His passion for his profession has been demonstrated through his commitment to municipal government over the past 43 years. It has been said more than once, but it bears saying again, that Plano, Texas wouldn't be what it is today without the decades of extraordinary service Tom has given to our community through his leadership, support and guidance. NAPA will greatly benefit from his being placed in the position of Fellow, and I extend my congratulations to both NAPA and to Tom on this great honor."

A 2007 NAPA *Public Service Award* recipient, Mr. Muehlenbeck is nationally known for his brand of visionary local government management and his strong support of mentoring those entering the field of public and municipal administration. He has been recognized through his decades-long service in various leadership capacities with the International City Management Association, Texas City Management Association and Texas Innovation Group, among many others. Included in his accolades is the creation of the *Thomas H. Muehlenbeck Award for Excellence in Local Government*, established by the national Innovations Group.

Mr. Muehlenbeck's appointment as a Fellow will provide NAPA not only valuable insight from a local governance perspective, but also provide objectivity, advice

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and problem-solving, based on years of successful local, state and national operational, legislative and emergency preparedness relationships.

NAPA is a non-profit, independent coalition of top public management and organizational leaders who tackle the nation's most critical and complex challenges. With a network of more than 650 distinguished Fellows and an experienced professional staff, the Academy is uniquely qualified and trusted across the government to provide objective advice and practical solutions. Established in 1967 and chartered by Congress, the Academy continues to make a positive impact by helping federal, state and local governments respond effectively to current circumstances and changing conditions.



