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YRCI TEAMS WITH THE CENTER FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE TO IMPROVE WORKFORCE EFFECTIVENESS FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Rockville, Md. (Dec. 27, 2007) – The Center for Organizational Excellence (COE), a leading consulting firm working with government agencies to improve organizational effectiveness, announced today that it will be teaming with YRCI, a human resources consulting firm based in Fairfax, Va., to help Federal Student Aid (FSA) assess the effectiveness of two of its business units, optimize operational performance and evaluate plans for reorganization.

“COE is pleased to be working with FSA and continuing our relationship with the agency,” said John Starns, vice president of consulting services at COE. “Under the agreement, we will work with YRCI, the prime contractor, to administer an effectiveness study for FSA’s Business Operations and Program Compliance business units. At the conclusion of the project, FSA will walk away with recommended strategies to optimize workforce alignment. In addition, we will work alongside YRCI to assist with establishing implementation of these strategies.”

Under the leadership of the U.S. Department of Education, FSA works to ensure that eligible individuals benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance for postsecondary education. Designated a performance-based organization by Congress in 1998, FSA emphasizes results and efficient performance, as well as continuous improvement of the processes and systems that support its mission.

COE has provided organizational improvement consulting to federal agencies for more than 22 years. COE consults a variety of federal and commercial organizations on critical business issues such as organizational effectiveness, human capital planning, strategic planning, leadership support, change management, IT systems support and performance management. For more information on COE, visit www.center4oe.com.

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