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## **Partnership for Public Service promotes Andrew Marshall to vice president of leadership development and welcomes Valerie Smith Boyd as director of the Center for Presidential Transition**

**WASHINGTON** — The nonpartisan, nonprofit [Partnership for Public Service](#) announced today that Andrew Marshall has been promoted to vice president of leadership development and Valerie Smith Boyd has joined the organization as director of the Center for Presidential Transition®.

“Andrew Marshall understands that developing and retaining great leaders is essential to good governance,” said James-Christian Blockwood, the Partnership’s executive vice president. “After more than a decade with the Partnership, Andrew has proven that his leadership capability, strategic insights and collaborative attitude make him an ideal fit for this position. We are excited to welcome him to this new role.”

Over the past 20 years, the Partnership’s leadership development programs have provided over 30,000 federal employees with the skills to drive change and achieve results at their agencies. The Partnership has also developed the [Public Service Leadership Model](#) to help government leaders take advantage of the opportunity they have been given to improve our country. In his new role, Marshall will oversee the strategy, design and delivery of the Partnership’s leadership development programming, including the Excellence in Government Fellows program and the Foundations in Public Service Leadership program.

“No institution matters more than our federal government,” said Marshall. “And after many years developing leaders at all levels, I am also just as certain that nothing makes a greater difference in building a better government than effective leadership. It is an honor to work every day to strengthen public service leadership and I am optimistic about what’s ahead.”

A certified executive coach, Marshall has experience developing leaders and leadership teams in the private, nonprofit and public sectors, from aspiring supervisors to executives. Beyond his 10 years working at the Partnership, his management experience comes from years in journalism, community development and as the executive director of a philanthropic consulting organization.

Valerie Smith Boyd joins the Partnership after more than 15 years of leadership experience in the federal government and private sector, including serving as assistant secretary for international affairs and deputy chief of staff at the Department of Homeland Security. She previously served at the White House and National Security Council under two presidents.

“Valerie brings a deep understanding of the importance of capable political leadership working in concert with career civil servants across administrations,” said Blockwood. “Her experience serving in senior positions under presidents of both parties makes her well equipped to continue the Center for Presidential Transition’s vital work safeguarding our country’s exceptional tradition of the peaceful transfer of power.”



The Partnership for Public Service’s [Center for Presidential Transition](#) serves as the premier nonpartisan source of information and resources to help presidential candidates and their teams lay the groundwork for a new administration or for a president’s second term. In her role, Boyd will lead the Center’s work preparing incoming political appointees to serve, advocating for improvements to the presidential transition process and planning for the 2024 transition cycle.

“The smooth and effective transition of power is one of the hallmarks of American democracy, and the challenges facing our country require government leaders to collaborate and plan across transitions,” said Boyd. “I am humbled to join the outstanding team at the Partnership for Public Service to support effective transition planning for current and future leaders.”

During the past 20 years, the nonpartisan, nonprofit Partnership for Public Service has been dedicated to making the federal government more effective. We work across administrations to help transform the way government operates by increasing collaboration, accountability, efficiency and innovation. Visit [ourpublicservice.org](https://ourpublicservice.org) to learn more. Follow us on social @PublicService and subscribe today to get the latest federal news, information on upcoming Partnership programs and events, and more.

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