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Ron Elving is the Senior Washington Editor for National Public Radio news, where he directs coverage of the capital and national politics and is heard often as an on-air commentator. He was previously the political editor for USA Today and for Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

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Chris has appeared as a witness before congressional committees on numerous occasions and has been actively involved in working with committees across Congress to show them how strengthened public management can improve the performance and accountability of the federal government.

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Mr. Kamensky is a senior fellow with the IBM Center for The Business of Government where he is passionate about helping transform government to be more results-oriented, performance-based, customer-driven, and collaborative in nature.

Prior to joining the IBM Center, he had a significant role in helping pioneer the federal government's performance and results orientation. He served for eight years as deputy director of Vice President Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government. Before that, he worked at the U.S. Government Accountability Office where he played a key role in the development and passage of the Government Performance and Results Act. He has co-edited six books and writes and speaks extensively on performance management, government reform, citizen engagement, and the Web 2.0 phenomena. In addition, he currently focuses on management challenges associated with the upcoming Presidential Transition and blogs on it at: www.transition2008.wordpress.com.

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