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TO: All Appointing Authorities

FROM: Oscar B. Jackson, Jr.
Administrator and Cabinet Secretary of Human Resources

RE: Certified Public Manager Graduation

The Office of Personnel Management held the Eleventh Certified Public Manager Program Graduation on Thursday, August 27, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol. Secretary of Education Floyd Coppedge addressed the twenty graduates representing ten state agencies. Governor Frank Keating stated, "I am very proud of these CPM graduates for completing this professional development program, which will better prepare them to provide the quality services the people of Oklahoma deserve and expect."

The Certified Public Manager Program, offered through the Human Resource Development Department at the Office of Personnel Management, is designed to professionalize public management by giving Oklahoma state managers and supervisors the tools necessary to improve their management skills. Oklahoma's program was first accredited by the National Consortium of Certified Public Managers in 1988 and received continued accreditation in 1993 and 1998. 25 states are involved with the Certified Public Manager Program nationwide. Oklahoma's program has been recommended for college credit, both on the undergraduate and graduates levels by the American Council of Education.

This year's graduates include: Jeanette Allen, Wilson Brewer, Lonn Crews, and Ronald Curb, **Department of Transportation**; Robert Anderson, **Office of State Finance**; Patricia Bain, Patricia Bean, William Drapala, Michael Keen, Brian Mixon, Teresa Tapley, and Debra West, **Department of Human Services**; Elizabeth Brooks, **Department of Corrections**; Annette Descher, **Oklahoma Tax Commission**; Patty Dunagan, **Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation**; Robbie Howard, **Department of Public Safety**; Sue Hughart, **Tourism & Recreation Department**; Jim Nation and Mickie Stover, **Department of Rehabilitation Services**; and Terry D. Johnson, **Department of Central Services**.

Oscar Jackson, OPM Administrator and Cabinet Secretary of Human Resources stated, "These CPM graduates have completed 300 course hours, four exams, and four major projects while performing their normal agency duties. I commend them for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to their future contributions as Certified Public Managers." Oklahoma has graduated a total of 184 Certified Public Managers.

Contact Carrie Rohr, CPM Coordinator, at 405-521-6344 for additional information on the OPM Certified Public Manager.