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American Academy of Actuaries Honors Nancy Kichak

U.S. Office of Personnel Management Actuary Receives Public Service Award

WASHINGTON – 28 Oct. 2008 – The American Academy of Actuaries honored Nancy Kichak with the 2008 Robert J. Myers Award for Public Service yesterday during its annual meeting. Kichak, the associate director for the Strategic Human Resources Policy Division of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), was selected in recognition of her major contributions to the common good through service to government.

She was named associate director in September 2005. In her post, she leads the design, development, and implementation of merit-based human resource policies for the federal civilian workforce. Kichak's tenure with the OPM began as an actuarial student in 1972, when the OPM was known as the U.S. Civil Service Commission. In 1987 she was named the director of the Office of Actuaries. The actuarial staff at OPM conducts the actuarial analysis necessary to oversee the administration of the Civil Service retirement systems, the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program, and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The agency also manages the largest employer-sponsored long-term care program in the world.

Kichak later became the deputy associate director for the Center for Workforce Planning and Policy. Under her leadership, the center conducted statistical analysis and analytical workforce/human resource studies and provided actuarial support for all OPM offices and other central management agencies.

Kichak has been a member of the American Academy of Actuaries since 1988 and is an associate of the Society of Actuaries. She graduated summa cum laude from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics.

The annual award is named after **Robert J. Myers**, who helped structure and fund the nation's largest social insurance program in history during his tenure as the chief actuary of the Social Security Administration from 1947 to 1970. For more information or digital photographs

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