



## **Biography of the Honorable Dan G. Blair**

Dan G. Blair was named President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration in July 2011. The Academy is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization, chartered by Congress to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations. Mr. Blair was elected as an Academy Fellow in 2008. In November 2009, Mr. Blair was chosen to present, as part of an Academy team, to senior members of the Iraqi government at a conference in Baghdad to discuss the fundamentals of an effective civil service. He also served on the Academy Panel charged with assessing the design, implementation, and Impact of the Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System.

Mr. Blair brings to the Academy more than 26 years of federal public service and is a recognized expert and prominent leader in public service management, having served in top leadership positions in the Executive and Legislative branches as well as the regulatory sector. He has received successive Presidential appointments to the Office of Personnel Management and the Postal Regulatory Commission and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Most recently, Mr. Blair served as the first Chairman of the independent Postal Regulatory Commission, the successor agency to the Postal Rate Commission, from December 2006 through August 2009, and as Commissioner from August 2009 until June 2011. Mr. Blair also served as Deputy Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) from 2002 through 2006. In addition to serving as Deputy Director, Mr. Blair was Acting Director of OPM for five months.

Prior to joining OPM, Mr. Blair served on Capitol Hill, working for nearly 17 years on the staffs of both House and Senate committees charged with postal and civil service oversight.

From 1998 through 2001, Mr. Blair served as Senior Counsel to Senator Fred Thompson on the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. Mr. Blair was responsible for review of legislation and policy affecting the federal civil service, the USPS, federal budget process, government ethics, and federal lobbying reform. Before the Committee on Governmental Affairs, Mr. Blair served as Staff Director for Representative John McHugh on the House of Representatives Subcommittee on the Postal Service. Mr. Blair was responsible for directing the Subcommittee's oversight of the USPS and directed the development of comprehensive postal reform legislation. Mr. Blair also served as Minority General Counsel for the House of Representatives Committee on Post Office and Civil Service from 1985 to 1994.

Mr. Blair was born and raised in Joplin, Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia and his Juris Doctor from the School of Law at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He and his wife, Michele, reside in Washington, D.C.