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### **\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

## **New Members Appointed to Council on Local Results and Innovation**

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**ST. PAUL (11/21/2012)** – The Council on Local Results and Innovation has appointed four new members to serve on the Council. The new members will fill the vacancies of the members whose two-year terms have ended.

The eleven-member Council was created, with bipartisan support, during the 2010 legislative session to serve as a statewide resource for the development, promotion, and implementation of local government performance measurement systems. The Council had to statutorily consider a number of factors when selecting the new members, including geographical distribution, entity size, entity type and the candidates' past experience with performance measurement systems.

The new members of the Council are:

- Dave Bartholomay, Mayor of Circle Pines;
- Karen Brown, Fillmore County Coordinator;
- Richard Devlin, Olmsted County Administrator; and
- Linnea Mirsch, St. Louis County Deputy Administrator.

In its first two years, the Council developed a standard set of ten performance measures for counties and ten for cities to help residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials to determine the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services, and to measure residents' opinions of those services. In addition, the Council created a comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties to implement in 2012.

Cities and counties that choose to participate in the standards measure program may be eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita, not to exceed \$25,000 in Local Government Aid and exemption from levy limits. Participation in the program is voluntary for local governments.

The newly-constituted Council's work will include reviewing how the current performance measures and systems are working, and if changes need to be made. The next meeting of the

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Council will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at the Office of the State Auditor in St. Paul. All meetings of the Council are open to the public. More information on the Council and the Performance Measurement Program can be found at:

<http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20100916.000>.

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