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## **THE CENTER FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC. JOINS THE DATA TRANSPARENCY COALITION**

**Rockville, Md.** (July 23, 2014) –The Center for Organizational Excellence, Inc. (COE), today announced its sponsorship of the Data Transparency Coalition (DTC). The DTC is a membership-based trade association that brings together companies, nonprofit organizations and individuals to advocate for open data standards within government.

In participating in the coalition, COE joins a growing community advocating for the publication of government information as standardized, machine-readable data. COE and the DTC support the passing of legislation for adaptation of data standards across the government, with the end goal to improve data quality and enhance data-driven efforts to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

Additionally, the DTC works to educate government leaders, private-sector innovators and the public on the benefits of data transparency. COE has experience with data standardization across government through our support of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Enterprise Human Resource Integration (EHRI) Program. We understand the challenges associated with this effort, and stand ready to help partner with agencies to decrease the cost of compliance. Our decision to support DTC is an extension of the company's dedication and commitment to providing transparent data that supports fact-based decision-making in support of our client's mission.

"COE is proud to join the DTC in their continued advocacy for data transparency in the federal government," said Steve Goodrich, COE president and chief executive officer. "COE was impressed with the role the DTC played in the federal government's passage of the Digital Accountability and Transparency (DATA) Act. We look forward to working with the DTC to continue advocating for effective implementation of the Act and for an underlying



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framework that will support not only transparency and accountability in government, but also improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government programs.”

### **About the Data Transparency Coalition**

The Data Transparency Coalition advocates on behalf of the private sector and the public interest for the publication of government information as standardized, machine-readable data. Members include market leaders such as Teradata Corporation, Workiva, RR Donnelley, and PwC, and smaller start-ups such as Level One Technologies and BrightScope. For more information, visit <http://datacoalition.org>.

### **About COE**

For 30 years, The Center for Organizational Excellence, Inc. (COE) has been a trusted partner in transforming our clients’ organizations and programs so they may efficiently and effectively accomplish their mission. We help our clients achieve meaningful and measurable outcomes through strategy and development service in the areas of organizational effectiveness, human capital, and technology solutions. Headquartered in the Washington DC area, we offer organizational effectiveness, performance management, strategic human capital consulting, technology consulting solutions for program management and governance, systems development and integration, as well as data warehousing and business intelligence. For more information about COE, visit [www.center4oe.com](http://www.center4oe.com).

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