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Today 50 State Employees Graduate from the Kentucky Certified Public Managers Program

FRANKFORT, Ky. (December 10, 2009) — The Personnel Cabinet’s Governmental Services Center (GSC) graduated 50 new Kentucky Certified Public Managers (KCPM).

“As we cultivate an employer of choice model within Kentucky state government, we continue to promote and support a learning and development culture,” said Personnel Cabinet Secretary Nikki Jackson. “It’s gratifying to see the amount of interest and participation, year after year, that this program garners, and the caliber of our current and future leaders.”

The KCPM program is a nationally accredited management development program specifically for state and local government. The program’s primary goal is to improve the performance of public sector managers and the organizational performance of government. The program consists of at least 300 hours of structured learning activities. Such learning activities include, application of skill projects, five Kentucky State University online courses, GSC workshops, legislative observations, and approved outside conference training. In addition, participants complete a Capstone project from a state agency.

The CPM program began in Georgia in 1976 and was soon endorsed by other states as a model for training and developing professional public managers. Today, the CPM program continues to encourage state and local governments to create and maintain these programs, by providing curriculum guidance, accreditation standards and oversight.

At the ceremony, employees who completed a Certificate of Management Fundamentals (CMF) in 2009 were also recognized. The CMF provides guidance and training to employees so they can better manage personal performance and the performance of others.

To learn more about the KCPM program, CMF, and other training courses provided by the Governmental Service Center, visit <http://personnel.ky.gov/gsc/>.

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