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NASCA Honors Virginia DGS Director Sliwoski with Inaugural National Leadership Award

DENVER, Co. — The National Association of State Chief Administrators (NASCA) honored Richard F. Sliwoski, P.E., with the association's inaugural National Walton Leadership Award.

Sliwoski, Director of the Virginia Department of General Services, was recognized Friday for his passion, outstanding service, leadership and commitment to state government. He has worked for multiple governors and is one of the longest serving state directors in the nation.

"Richard is a true leader and innovator in delivering shared services solutions to the Commonwealth of Virginia and has been one of NASCA's biggest cheerleaders, serving as the President of NASCA and has served admirably on the NASCA Board for many years," said Doug Nelson, Commissioner for Missouri's Office of Administration.

The National Walton Leadership Award is a peer-to-peer recognition award and was established to honor Ray Walton for his service and dedication to state government and to NASCA.

Ray joined the public sector in 2007 as the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The following year, Ray was appointed Director of DAS by Governor Culver. This followed a successful career with General Growth Properties, other real estate and management enterprises and as a member of the staff of then-Congressman (later Senator) Tom Harkin. Ray served as NASCA's Executive Director from February 2011 through February 2015, leading the association from a handful of state members to more than 30 during this time.

NASCA presented this prestigious award during the 2015 Institute on Management and Leadership reception in Denver.

About NASCA

The National Association of State Chief Administrators is the leading organization advancing professional development and best management solutions for the administrative functions of state government. The association provides state chief administrators with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of state government administration through education, networking and information exchange on state government trends, leading edge innovations, standards and best practices. For more information about NASCA visit www.nasca.org.