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ASH INSTITUTE RECOGNIZED BY PRESIDENT FOX OF MEXICO

Cambridge, Mass., – October 25, 2006 – President Vicente Fox of Mexico presented the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation with a Presidential Award for ongoing assistance with Mexico's Good Government Agenda. The presentation was made at Fox's 6th Annual Innovation and Quality Forum attended by more than 10,000 public managers.

Gowher Rizvi, Director, accepted the award on behalf of the Institute. He was also invited to speak on behalf of the international recipients which included, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the OECD, the UN, the Oxford Leadership Academy, and the Organization of American States. The Fox government received support from these organizations in key areas such as civil service reform, accountability, transparency, e-government, regulatory reform, and service delivery.

Dr. Rizvi acknowledged the vision of Roy and Lila Ash in democratic governance and the role of Kennedy School faculty in providing information on interNational best practices that were used by the Fox government. Information about the program is available at www.innova.gob.mx, a website maintained by the Presidency.

About the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation

The Roy and Lila Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation advances excellence in governance and strengthens democratic institutions worldwide. Through its research, publications, leadership training, global network and awards program – developed in collaboration with a diverse, engaged community of scholars and practitioners - the Ash Institute fosters creative and effective government problem-solving and serves as a catalyst for addressing many of the most pressing needs of the world's citizens. The Ford Foundation is a founding donor of the Institute. Additional information about the Ash Institute is available at www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu.

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