



## NYCON Board of Directors Completes Governance Matters Merger New Acquisition Bolsters Services Designed to Lead Good Governance Forward

*Albany & New York City, October 14, 2015* – NYCON is pleased to announce the acquisition of Governance Matters, Inc., a new subsidiary that will broaden and deepen our continuum of services to nonprofits in New York State and beyond. The NYCON and Governance Matters affiliation will provide an unprecedented continuum of solutions including board recruitment, board placement and leadership development as well as customized board training and consulting.

Governance Matters, Inc. now incorporates, through a merger, the services of “Volunteer Consulting Group” (VCG) and has long set the standard for developing strong, effective boards in New York City. Through NYCON, Governance Matters will offer expanded services designed to build high-performing boards in New York City and throughout the state.

“The newly merged Governance Matters perfectly complements NYCON’s service delivery model and enhances our capacity,” said Doug Sauer, CEO of NYCON and Governance Matters. “We will be leveraging both organizations thought and practice leadership in board development, group training and high-touch consultation to further what is already a powerful and unique integrated service continuum.”

“We are keenly aware of the increasing demands that today’s funding, compliance and service delivery environment places upon nonprofits,” says David Birdsell, Ph.D., Chair of the Board of Governance Matters and Dean of the Baruch College School of Public Affairs. “A high performing nonprofit fulfills its mission with a strong board and an ongoing focus on building capacity. We view our newly formed affiliation as one that can respond to those capacity needs in governance, management, program and workplace matters – even employee benefits and insurance – in a manner unlike any other support provider.”

Lynn Videka, Ph.D., Chair of NYCON’s Board and Dean of NYU’s Silver School of Social Work observes “We have set the model now, in this affiliation, for advancing excellence in board leadership and governance. We very much appreciate the grant support we received for this affiliation from both downstate and upstate sources including the New York Merger, Acquisition and Collaboration Fund and the Dyson Foundation.”

The NYCON and Governance Matters affiliation will lead good governance going forward by creating unique programming, events, educational tools, publications, templates, one-on-one guidance and practical solutions designed to help real nonprofits solve real world problems. Future programs, including a launch event, are being planned for the fall in New York City.

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