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Keehley, Patricia, Steven Medlin, Laura Longmire, and Sue A. MacBride. 1997. *Benchmarking for Best Practices in the Public Sector: Achieving Performance Breakthroughs in Federal, State, and Local Agencies*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Book, edited:

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Ingraham, Patricia W., and David H. Rosenbloom. 1992. The State of Merit in the Federal Government. In *Agenda for Excellence: Public Service in America*, edited by Patricia W. Ingraham and Donald F. Kettl, 274–96. Chatham, NJ: Chatham House.

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Papers Presented at Meetings, Conferences, etc.: (Please include month and days, as well as the city and state)

Baker, George. 1999. Distortion, Noise, and Incentive Provision with Imperfect Performance Measures. Paper presented at the National Academy of Sciences conference on Devising Incentives to Promote Human Capital, December 17–18, Irvine, CA.

Public Documents/Reports and Documents:

U.S. House. 1993. Committee of the Budget. *Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1993: Report on the Budget*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. Report no. 103-111.

Hearings:

U.S. House. 1994. Committee on Public Works and Transportation. *1993 Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program: Hearing before the Subcommittee on Economic Development*. 103rd Cong., 2nd sess. February 7.

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Burka, L.P. 1993. A Hypertext History of Multi-User Dimensions. *MUD History*.
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