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National Academy of Public Administration & Management Systems International Host Forum on Fostering Innovation in Government

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration and Management Systems International (MSI), A Tetra Tech Company, today hosted a forum on fostering greater innovation in government, with a focus on how government can more effectively develop innovative leaders, build more innovative cultures, and better empower government employees to create and inspire.

“Government and public administrators will need to evolve in the face of the grand challenges of the next 10-20 years, and innovation will be the key to our success,” said **Terry Gerton**, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. “Government leaders at all levels must adopt a highly innovative mindset in order to encourage the cutting-edge thinking and creativity needed to overcome the thorny issues ahead, and today’s discussion offered some great tools to support that shift.”

Stephen Goldsmith, Daniel Paul Professor of Government and the Director of Innovations in American Government Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, delivered keynote remarks and participated in a Q&A session with attendees. He is the former Mayor of Indianapolis, the former Deputy Mayor of Operations for New York City, and has written a number of books on innovative governance.

“Recruiting and cultivating a creative, agile and innovative government workforce will set up U.S. government agencies for future success,” said **Joseph Christoff**, Senior Vice President of MSI. “Leaders can do this by removing barriers to creativity and innovation and shaping dynamic workplaces.”

Following Professor Goldsmith’s remarks, there was a plenary break-out session and a panel discussion on “Shaping Creative Environments,” featuring **Kristin McNally**, Director of the Office of Employee Engagement at the U.S. Department of Labor; **Sharon Kershbaum**, Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Human Services for the District of Columbia government; and **David Milestone**, Acting Director of the

Center for Innovation and Impact, Global Health Bureau at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

About the National Academy of Public Administration

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