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The National Academy of Public Administration Names Teresa W. Gerton as New President and CEO

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) today announced that Teresa (Terry) W. Gerton, a retired Army veteran who has served at the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Labor, will join the Academy as its new President and Chief Executive Officer, effective January 9, 2017. Ms. Gerton will replace Dan G. Blair, who led the Academy with distinction from July 2011 until December 2016.

“After a comprehensive national search for an effective and strategic leader who can build on the Academy’s accomplishments, we are pleased to announce Terry Gerton will lead our efforts to improve governance, not only in Washington, D.C., but across the national landscape,” said Reginald L. Robinson, Chairman of the Academy’s Board of Directors. “Terry brings a depth of expertise in strategic organizational management, along with a proven track record as an effective leader in a variety of organizational contexts. We welcome her vision, energy, and leadership as the Academy prepares to write its next chapter.”

“I am pleased and excited to accept this opportunity to further the Academy’s important mission of good governance that benefits all citizens,” said Ms. Gerton. “This is a time of great opportunity for the Academy as the government undergoes the transition to a new Presidential Administration and faces growing challenges that require innovative solutions. I look forward to working with the Academy’s Board of Directors, Fellows and staff to achieve meaningful results.”

Ms. Gerton served as an officer in the U.S. Army for 20 years before retiring in 2003, and then served for eight years as a career member of the Senior Executive Service in the U.S. Department of Defense, earning both the Meritorious and Distinguished Presidential Rank Awards. She was a Vice President at the Cohen Group from 2011-2013 and later returned to public service at the U.S. Department of Labor, where she served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) from 2013 until the present.

Ms. Gerton earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University. She resides in Northern Virginia.

About the National Academy of Public Administration

The Academy is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization established to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable and transparent organizations. The Academy's unique feature is its 800+ Fellows – including former cabinet officers, Members of Congress, governors, as well as prominent scholars, business executives and public administrators. Learn more at www.napawash.org

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