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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **National Academy of Public Administration To Host Panel Discussion of Dwight Ink's New Book, *Getting Things Done With Courage and Conviction***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration on March 15 will host a panel discussion of *Getting Things Done With Courage and Conviction*, a new book authored by Dwight A. Ink and Kurt M. Thurmaier.

Dwight Ink held major leadership roles in the federal government in the administrations of seven U.S. presidents, from President Eisenhower to President Reagan. *With Courage and Conviction* presents Dwight's successful management strategies during his 50 years of public service in the context of nine especially important achievements in his career, including the Alaska Recovery and Nixon's New Federalism initiative.

“Our book is intended to help counter the current opinion the public has of the inability of government to get anything important accomplished,” said Dwight Ink. “We present case after case in which government met success despite widely divergent conditions over several decades, facing obstacles many thought too difficult to overcome. We believe these cases demonstrate the type of strategies that public managers can use—and have used—successfully over the years to meet the most complex challenges. We have asked the panelists to examine whether these types of strategies can be adapted successfully to the problems of today. If not, why not?”

Moderated by co-author Kurt Thurmaier, a Presidential Engagement Professor and Chair at Northern Illinois University, a panel of Academy Fellows will review and discuss the efficacy of these management strategies for Senior Executives and other senior federal officials, and examine their relevance to current public service professionals in today's political climate.

**WHAT:** Panel discussion of *Getting Things Done With Courage and Conviction*, by Dwight A. Ink and Kurt A. Thurmaier

**WHERE:** The National Academy of Public Administration  
1600 K Street, N.W., Suite 400  
Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 15  
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm ET

**WHO:** **Burt S. Barnow**, Amsterdam Professor of Public Service and Economics, Trachtenberg Public Policy and Public Administration, The George Washington University

**Nani Coloretti**, Senior Vice President for Financial and Business Strategy, The Urban Institute

**Sharon A. Kershbaum**, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Human Services, District of Columbia

**John A. Koskinen**, Former Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury

**Dwight Ink**, former senior official at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; General Services Administration; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); U.S. Atomic Energy Commission; Community Services Administration; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Kurt A. Thurmaier** Presidential Engagement Professor and Chair, Department of Public Administration's School of Global Public Affairs, Northern Illinois University (moderator)

**Teresa Gerton**, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration (opening remarks)

**MEDIA:** Media planning to attend should please RSVP to [bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com](mailto:bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com)

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