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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **National Academy of Public Administration To Hold Annual Fall Meeting November 1-2**

#### ***Meeting Will Focus on “Grand Challenges in Public Administration”***

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration will hold its annual Fall Meeting on November 1-2, focusing on “Grand Challenges in Public Administration.”

At this year’s Fall Meeting, the Academy will kick off its new “Grand Challenges in Public Administration,” campaign, a year-long, interdisciplinary, intersectoral effort to identify these challenges and position the Academy to lead future efforts to respond to the challenges identified. In addition, the Fall Meeting will discuss federal workforce reform – something outlined in the Academy’s recent [No Time to Wait Part 2](#) report – as well as timely issues including social equity, artificial intelligence, emergency management, innovations in elections, women in public administration, and others.

Keynote speakers during the Fall Meeting include **Beth Cobert**, CEO of Initiative Skillful at the Markle Foundation, and **Jen Pahlka**, Executive Director of Code for America, who will deliver the Elmer B. Staats Lecture on November 1; and **Frank Weil**, Chairman of The Intersector Project, who will deliver the James E. Webb Lecture on November 2.

The induction of the Academy’s [2018 Class of Fellows](#), and the presentation of the Herbert Roback Scholarship Award and the George Graham Award for Exceptional Service to the Academy also will take place during the Fall Meeting.

A detailed meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and registration can be found [here](#).

**WHAT:** National Academy of Public Administration’s Annual Fall Meeting

**WHEN:** November 1  
8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. ET  
November 2  
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** DoubleTree Hotel - Crystal City  
300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA

**WHO:** Speakers and panelists include:  
**Beth Cobert**, CEO, Initiative Skillful, Markle Foundation  
**Teresa Gerton**, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration  
**Joshua Gotbaum**, Guest Scholar, Economics Studies, Brookings Institution  
**Kay Goss**, President, Word Disaster Management, LLC  
**Doris Hausser**, Senior Advisor for Civil Service Reform, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)  
**James Hendler**, Director, Institute for Data Exploration and Application, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Thomas Hicks**, Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
**Karl Maschino**, Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)  
**Jen Pahlka**, Executive Director, Code for America  
**Leslie Reynolds**, Exec. Director, National Assoc. of Secretaries of State  
**Shawn Skelly**, former Director, Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Kevin Sligh**, Director of Emergency Response, U.S. Coast Guard  
**Russell Strickland**, Director of Maryland Emergency Management  
**Wendy Walsh**, Higher Education Program Manager, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
**Frank Weil**, Chairman, The Intersector Project  
**Charles Werner**, Chair, National Council for Public Safety  
**Gwen Young**, Director, Wilson Center Global Women's Leadership Initiative

**MEDIA:** Media planning to attend the event should RSVP to Betsy Holahan, [bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com](mailto:bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com)

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