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National Academy of Public Administration Releases White Paper on Governance Challenges and Solutions *Report Details Findings of 2017 “Governing Across The Divide” Forums*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration today released a new white paper, [*Governing Across The Divide: Four Best Practices for Intergovernmental Leaders*](#), which outlines the discussions and resulting insights of the Academy’s four-part *Governing Across The Divide* series, held this fall at universities across the country.

“Our goal was to bring together experts from different backgrounds and policy perspectives to discuss the complex governance challenges facing our leaders,” said Teresa Gerton, President and CEO of the Academy. “Through that process, we identified four effective best practices, as well as ways that our leaders can continue to improve so that government works better for all.”

The [*Governing Across the Divide*](#) series included forums at the University of Southern California’s Sol Price School of Public Policy on the changing role of states in the intergovernmental system; the University of Texas at Austin’s LBJ School of Public Affairs on innovations in local government service delivery; Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs on the future of public service; and George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government on prioritizing governance for resilient critical infrastructure lifelines.

Insights gleaned from the 15 panels, 73 speakers, and nearly 400 expert attendees of the series uncovered four main practices employed by successful government leaders today:

- An enterprise-wide innovation capacity integrated into the strategic fabric of the organization.
- The optimization and rethinking of the systematic interaction of the various stakeholders in today’s networked government.
- The prioritization of factual, useful information in execution and communication.
- An emphasis on patient and persistent engagement of constituents, citizens, and the workforce.

Read the entire white paper [here](#).

About the National Academy of Public Administration

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