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**National Academy of Public Administration and
George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government
Hold Forum on Prioritizing Governance for Resilient Critical Infrastructure
"Governing Across the Divide" Event Features
Keynote Address by Ambassador Richard D. Kauzlarich**

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration and George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government will hold a one-day interactive forum in Arlington, Virginia on October 30th to examine the governance issues surrounding the four critical infrastructure lifelines of transportation, energy, water delivery and communications.

"Critical infrastructure systems such as reliable energy and clean water are essential to our nation's ability to function and they are some of the most important responsibilities of government," said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. "Any disruption of these networks can have terrible consequences, so we look forward to hearing from experts in all of these fields about how government leaders ensure the capacity to safeguard our critical infrastructure in the years to come."

During the final of four regional *Governing Across the Divide* forums initiated by the Academy, government officials, academics and thought leaders from across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors will gather to discuss governance and critical infrastructure challenges facing leaders at the federal, state and local levels. Previous *Governing Across the Divide* events took place in Sacramento, CA, Austin, TX, and Syracuse, NY.

"The Schar School is delighted to partner with the National Academy of Public Administration to hold this important policy forum at our Arlington, Virginia campus," said Dr. Mark J. Rozell, Dean, Schar School of Policy and Government. "Like NAPA, the Schar School is committed to educating the next generation of public leaders and informing the public about key policy issues that affect our communities and the nation."

To register to attend, please click [here](#).

WHAT: Governing Across the Divide – Prioritizing Governance for Resilient Critical Infrastructure

WHEN: October 30, 2017
8:00 am – 5:00 pm ET (a reception will follow)

WHERE: George Mason University
Schar School of Policy and Government
3351 Fairfax Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22201

WHO: Speakers and panelists include:
Ambassador Richard D. Kauzlarich, Co-Director, Center for Energy Science and Policy, George Mason University (keynote)
Mark Troutman, Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs, The Eisenhower School, National Defense University (closing keynote)
Mortimer Downey, former Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
Thomas Downs, former President, Amtrak
William Shields, Executive Director, American Society of Public Administration
James Bennett, Chief, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Department of the Interior
Jessie Roberson, Vice Chairman, U.S. Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Stanley Czerwinski, COO, National Governors Association
Christopher Kloss, Chief, Municipal Branch, Water Permits Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Adam Krantz, CEO, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Jason Karp, Chief Counsel, First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Jeffrey Stern, State Coordinator, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Robert Deitz, former Special Councilor to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency; former General Counsel, National Security Agency
Mark J. Rozell, Dean, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University
Teresa W. Gerton, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration
Tonya Neaves, Director, Centers on the Public Service, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

MEDIA: Media planning to attend the event should RSVP to Betsy Holahan, bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com

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About the Schar School of Policy and Government

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