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## **National Academy of Public Administration Holds Forum on GAO's High Risk List and How Agencies Can Resolve Risk Concerns** *Event Offers Practical Strategies to Address Issues Identified by GAO*

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Academy of Public Administration today held a forum on the U.S. Government Accounting Office's (GAO) 2017 High Risk List, with a focus on how federal agencies can successfully resolve GAO's concerns.

“With agency reorganization plans due to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in September, now is a critical time for federal agencies to identify and address areas of weakness or vulnerability,” said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. “Today’s event offered best practices and practical strategies to address GAO’s concerns about high-risk programs throughout the government, and should be very helpful to agency leaders in the weeks and months ahead.”

Every two years at the start of a new Congress, GAO highlights agencies and program areas that are high risk due to their vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement, or are most in need of transformation. Since GAO’s last list in 2015, many of the 32 high-risk areas on that list have shown solid progress.

The forum featured a keynote address from Academy Fellow and U.S. Comptroller General **Gene Dodaro**, as well as a panel discussion between representatives of agencies that have established campaigns to address issue identified on GAO’s High Risk List. The panel included **Dr. Carolyn Clancy**, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; **Kristen French**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness, U.S. Department of Defense; and **Veronica Villalobos**, Principal Deputy Associate Director, Employee Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management. **Sallyanne Harper**, President of the Association for Federal Enterprise Risk Management and an Academy Fellow, moderated the panel.

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