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Roles and Authorities for Emergency Response

November 28, 2005

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

at

The Center for Strategic and International Studies

1800 K Street

B1 Conference Room

Please join **CSIS** and the law firm of **Arnold & Porter LLP** as we host the Honorable James Lee Witt, Governor Frank Keating, and General Dennis Reimer (Ret.) for a discussion of roles and authorities for emergency response and consequence management. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina exposed unnerving shortcomings in the response to disaster at all levels of national government. In particular, it raised questions about the correct role of the federal government and its many players in emergency response. CSIS and Arnold & Porter are co-hosting this event as part of a larger study of the legal, bureaucratic and cultural aspects of the current response system and what needs to be done to improve disaster response.

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Introduction

John Hamre, President and CEO, CSIS

Remarks and Discussion

Moderated by **Jeffrey Smith**, Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP

James Lee Witt

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
James Lee Witt Associates, LLC
Former Director of FEMA (1993-2001)

Governor Frank Keating

President and Chief Executive Officer
American Council of Life Insurers
Former Governor of Oklahoma (1994 to 2003)

General Dennis J. Reimer USA (Ret.)

President
DFI Government Services
Former Chief of Staff of the United States Army