

2008 STRATEGIC VISION AWARD

David M. Walker, President and CEO, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation

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David M. Walker is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation. As CEO, he is charged with leading the Peterson Foundation's efforts to: enhance public understanding of the nature and urgency of selected key sustainability challenges that threaten America's future; propose sensible and workable solutions to address these challenges; and build public and political will to tackle those same challenges. This includes efforts in connection with selected fiscal, entitlement, health care, energy, education, and nuclear non-proliferation issues.

Prior to joining the Peterson Foundation, Mr. Walker served over nine years as the seventh Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). During his tenure as Comptroller General, he led a major transformation effort to improve the visibility, viability and performance of the GAO. He also led a number of efforts designed to modernize the accountability profession both domestically and internationally. As Comptroller General, Walker was an outspoken advocate for addressing the major fiscal sustainability and government reform challenges facing the United States.