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### **GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES COALITION WELCOMES CGRF-MC MARK ALLEN & ANNE PETERA TO BOARD OF ADVISORS**

**Washington, D.C., November 10, 2015**, --The Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC), the premier organization for small and mid-sized companies in homeland and national security today announced that U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Force Master Chief Mark Allen (ret.) and Anne Petera, former Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and most recently DHS lead for Harris Corporation, have joined the Board of Advisors.

“Our Strategic Advisors are an incredible asset to our member companies and to the direction of GTSC’s strategy to help our federal partners achieve mission. We are proud and excited to add two new members – people who have a proven track record of improving the interaction and environment around government and industry collaboration,” said Kristina Tanasichuk, Founder & CEO of GTSC. “Both bring a tremendous love of country, commitment to mission, and vision for the future to our strategy.”

“In the USCG, my role was often that as ‘connector’ and I valued the government-industry partnership necessary to fulfill our mission day-in and day-out. I look forward to advising the talented, innovative people and companies of GTSC and appreciate the opportunity to help our federal partners gain the innovation and talent they need to perform exceptionally,” said Allen at the announcement.

“My numerous years in government have trained me well for the seismic shifts we see in the federal homeland and national security market. Teamwork, focus on mission, and results ‘own’ today’s market and I am excited to continue working with GTSC and its member companies to help this incredibly important market gain efficiencies and productivity from a better exchange between government and industry. We’re on the right track but we’re not there yet!” added Anne Petera.

Members of the Board of Advisors provide input to GTSC’s programming, identify areas of collaboration and increase the awareness and understanding of the Federal homeland and national security mission. GTSC works on behalf of its members with the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, State, Justice, Treasury, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. GTSC has worked with these agencies to achieve mission in an increasingly challenging budget environment, advocate for the value of small businesses, increase understanding of mid-tier companies, improve market research, and increase collaboration between the public and private sector.

Learn more about the Government Technology & Services Coalition at [www.GTSCoalition.com](http://www.GTSCoalition.com).

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