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NEMA PRESENTS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO GLEN WOODBURY

Lexington, KY—The National Emergency Management Association has presented the 2017 Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award to Glen Woodbury, Director of the Naval Post Graduate School's Center for Homeland Defense & Security. The honor was given to Woodbury on October 1, 2017 during the association's Annual Emergency Management Policy and Leadership Forum held in Scottsdale, Arizona. The award is presented annually by NEMA to an individual that has made cumulative outstanding contributions to the field of emergency management. For more than 25 years, Glen Woodbury has been a leader in the emergency management and homeland security field. From his tenure as the state director in Washington to his service at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Glen has repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to the field of emergency management and the men and women who serve in the profession.

Mr. Woodbury served as the Director of the Emergency Management Division for the State of Washington from 1998 through 2004. In this capacity, he directed the state's response to numerous emergencies, disasters and heightened security threat levels since his appointment by the Adjutant General and the Governor. Mr. Woodbury was the Director during the World Trade Organization disturbance in Seattle in 1999, the Nisqually earthquake in February 2001, the TOPOFF II Exercise in 2003, the national response to the attacks of September 11th, and many other natural and manmade emergencies and disasters. He is currently the director of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security, a position he has held since 2007. This premier program has been instrumental in leading the nation's executive level development for homeland security leaders since its inception in 2002.

Mr. Woodbury is a past president (2002–2003) of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), which represents all state and territorial emergency management directors in the

development and advocacy of national policy, strategic and operational issues. As President of NEMA, Woodbury helped to create the National Homeland Security Consortium, a unique collaboration among 21 national associations to address the nation's complex homeland security challenges. Woodbury remains an active member of NEMA and the Consortium. According to Trina Sheets, NEMA Executive Director, those who know Glen know how deep his dedication is to this profession and those we collectively serve. "There are few people who have impacted, promoted and advanced the fields of emergency management and homeland security more than Glen Woodbury. Lacy Suiter would be very proud."

Glen Woodbury served in the US Army as a communications officer from 1985 until he began his emergency management career in the state of Washington as an operations officer in 1992. Prior to his selection as the agency's director, he managed the state's Emergency Operations Center for two years. He has also served as a volunteer firefighter in East Olympia, WA.

NEMA congratulates Glen Woodbury on receiving the 2017 Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award.

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