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**2008 AMS Public-Private Partnership Forum · 22-23 April 2008**

*University of California Washington Center · 1608 Rhode Island Ave NW · Washington DC*

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**AGENDA**

**Day 1: Tuesday, 22 April 2008**

**7:30 AM Continental Breakfast.** All attendees are invited.

**8:25 AM Call to Order.** Master of Ceremonies: **Pam Emch**, Senior Staff Engineer, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Chair, AMS Board on Enterprise Economic Development, and member of the Executive Committee of the AMS Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise.

**8:30 AM Welcome.** **Walter F. Dabberdt**, President, American Meteorological Society; Chief Science Officer, Vaisala, Inc.

**Session 1: Legislative Topics Panel Discussion – Authorization Committees**

**8:45 AM** Panel Facilitator: **Paul Higgins**, Senior Policy Fellow, AMS Policy Program

*Each panelist has 10 minutes for an opening statement. This is followed by a 60 minute open discussion period with emphasis on topics related to progress made on programs and pending legislation that may provide opportunities for AMS members. The panelists are:*

- ❖ **Chan Lieu**, Professional Staff (D); Space, Aeronautics, and Related Sciences Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
- ❖ **Tara Rothschild**, Professional Staff (R); Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the Committee on Science and Technology, U.S. House of Representatives
- ❖ **Ann Zulkosky**, Professional Staff (D); Space, Aeronautics, and Related Sciences Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

**9:30 AM Discussion Period (60 minutes)**

**10:30 AM Break (15 minutes)**

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**10:45 AM** Session Chair: **Jon Malay**, Director, NASA and NOAA Programs—Washington Operations, Lockheed Martin Corporation

*Each agency speaker is asked to look ahead one to five years and identify future programs and initiatives that may lead to business or partnership opportunities for AMS Members.*

**10:45 AM NOAA Initiatives and Plans: Mary Glackin**, Deputy Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA. *Topics: IOOS, GEOSS, climate services, satellite program status, upcoming procurements, budget outlook*

**11:15 AM** NOAA – Open Discussion (15 min)

**Luncheon**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Guest Speaker:** Phil Sharp, President, Resources for the Future, and member of Congress 1975 to 1995. Dr. Sharp is an acknowledged leader in energy policy. He is introduced by Walter F. Dabberdt, President, American Meteorological Society

**Session 2 (Continued): Federal Agency Initiatives, Plans, and Opportunities**

**1:00 PM NASA Earth Science Initiatives and Plans: Jack Kaye**, Associate Director and Research Lead, Earth Science Division, NASA HQ. *Topics: Status of the Earth-Sun science programs, satellite programs, opportunities for public/private partnerships, upcoming procurements, budget outlook*

**1:30 PM** NASA – Open Discussion (15 min)

**1:45 PM DHS Initiatives and Plans: Starnes Walker**, Director of Research, Science & Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security. *Topics: Emerging meteorological science and service opportunities, critical infrastructure protection, countermeasure portfolios, emergency preparedness and response, and upcoming procurements.*

**2:15 PM** DHS – Open Discussion (15 min)

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**2:30 PM DOE Initiatives and Plans: Ashley Williams**, DOE Atmospheric Science Program Manager, for **Anna Palmisano**, DOE Associate Director, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, U.S. Department of Energy. *Topics: Impact of emerging climate change policy on DOE activities, climate system modeling, role of the weather and climate community in DOE activities, current and anticipated environmental programs and opportunities.*

**3:00 PM DOE – Open Discussion (15 min)**

**3:15 PM Break**

**Session 3: Responding to Emerging Climate Change Policies**

**3:30 PM Session Chair: Richard Ohlemacher**, Civil Systems Mission Integration, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Member AMS Board on Enterprise Economic Development

*Climate change has resulted in a diverse response by policy makers, industry, and the media. This session discusses the weather and climate community's information infrastructure needs, along with their role in developing and implementing new climate services and products aimed at responding and supporting emerging policies - such as carbon trading, clean energy, and other climate change strategies for assessment, adaptation, and risk mitigation.*

- ❖ **Chet Koblinsky**, Director, Climate Program Office, NOAA - National Climate Services: Concepts, Plans, and Potential
- ❖ **Ron Birk**, Director, Civil Systems Mission Integration, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Member, The Alliance for Earth Observations - National Climate Strategy: Infrastructure Needs
- ❖ **Frank Nutter**, President, Reinsurance Association of America - Emerging Markets: Insurance and Risk Management
- ❖ **David Skole**, Professor of Forestry and Director of the Global Observatory for Ecosystem Services, Michigan State University - Emerging Markets: Energy, Carbon, and Emissions Trading

**5:00 PM Adjourn for the day**

**Reception and Banquet**

**Doubletree Hotel · 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW · Washington DC 20005 · (202) 232-7000**

**5:30 PM Reception. All attendees are invited.**

**6:30 PM Dinner Banquet. Advanced purchase of a banquet ticket is required.**

**Guest Speaker: Ana Unruh Cohen**, Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, which is chaired by Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA). Introduced by **Walter F. Dabberdt**, AMS President.

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- ❖ **Frank Cushing**, Former Staff Director and Chief of Staff (R), House Appropriations Committee
- ❖ **Michelle Burkett**, Member of the Professional Staff (D), House Appropriations Committee

**9:15 AM Open Discussion Period (60 minutes)****10:15 AM Break****Session 5: Establishing Community Priorities – Next Actions****10:30 AM** Session Chair: **Veronica Johnson**, Broadcast meteorologist with WRC TV Channel 4, in Washington D.C.; Chair-Elect, AMS Board on Enterprise Communication (BEC)*Over the last three years, the Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise has actively engaged the weather and climate community and legislators to identify and discuss issues and concerns related to the wellness of the community and to promote the community's capabilities and its positive impact on the nation. Several parallel activities are occurring that are designed to identify, document, and disseminate information that conveys consensus on national priorities. These activities include the preparation of a community priorities document, AMS Statements, and the Transition Document. This session is designed to provide an update on each these activities, seek feedback, and discuss next steps.*

- ❖ **Cindy Schmidt**, Director of the Office of Development and Government Affairs at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR); Contributing Editor of the Transition Document
- ❖ **Bill Hooke**, AMS Senior Policy Fellow and Director of the AMS Policy Program; Co-editor of AMS Statement Preparation Committee
- ❖ **George Frederick**, Vaisala, Inc.; Past Commissioner, AMS Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise and Past AMS President
- ❖ **John Lasley**, Business Development Manager and Staff Meteorologist with SAIC, which is a member of the Weather Coalition

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**11:45 AM PPP Forum Wrap-Up. Pam Emch**

**12:00 PM Forum Adjourns**

**Informal Networking Lunch**

**12:00 PM Informal Networking Lunch.** A limited number of box lunches will be available to enjoy on site during informal conversation, or to take along with you.

**Afternoon Legislative Opportunity**

**Afternoon Legislative Opportunity:** The Weather Coalition is arranging visits to Capital Hill to meet with Legislative staff to discuss issues important to members of the weather and climate community. For more information on the Weather Coalition, see: <http://www.weathercoalition.org>. Contact Cindy Schmidt at: [cschmidt@ucar.edu](mailto:cschmidt@ucar.edu).