

## The Honorable George W. Foresman

### Former United States Under Secretary of Homeland Security

The Honorable George W. Foresman is currently President of Highland Risk & Crisis Solutions, Ltd, a firm that assists corporations and government organizations in understanding and mitigating homeland and national security risks, both domestically and internationally.

Previously, Foresman was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2005 as America's first Under Secretary of Preparedness at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and subsequently became the first Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, before leaving government in 2007. As the number three official at DHS, he led efforts to integrate and advance homeland security efforts, at both the department and national levels by instituting management reforms and enhancing stakeholder engagement.

Foresman is nationally recognized as a results-driven professional with a quarter-Century of success in leading business and complex high profile state and federal government organizations. He possesses bipartisan credentials having worked for five Democratic and Republican Governors of Virginia. A proven exceptional communicator, executive leader and trusted facilitator, Foresman has repeatedly been called upon to build long-term relationships by establishing and maintaining confidence and trust among broad constituencies and under trying circumstances. Well known for his capability to assess strategic national and international requirements, he possesses unique experience in the design, building and operation of public and private sector activities capable of delivering best quality results.

George Foresman is considered a visionary 21<sup>st</sup> Century leader that understands Global inter-dependencies and their effect on the political, economic and security interests of the United States. He has been a forceful advocate for modernizing America's national security structure to better leverage diplomatic and economic tools to meet current and future requirements, at home and abroad. With a proven track record for broadening stakeholder engagement, Foresman has pushed for better collaboration among governments as well as between the public and private sector on a broad range of issues.

Mr. Foresman is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, as well as the Virginia Executive Institute.