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Former top female government official joins Brookings Executive Education

Washington, DC (September 22, 2016) – Former Director of National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Letitia A. Long and the first woman to lead a major United States Intelligence Agency has joined [Brookings Executive Education \(BEE\)](#) as an Executive in Residence.

In her new role Long will work with faculty at Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) to deliver cutting-edge, researched-based curriculum to equip public leaders with the knowledge and tools they will need to lead during times of transition and instability. Among the courses she teaches is *Visioning and Leading Change*, which provides leaders in the public sector with tools and processes to successfully facilitate organizational change.

“I have long admired the work of the Brookings Institution and [BEE](#),” stated Long. “I am delighted to now have an opportunity to work with highly regarded faculty to incorporate my experiences in organizational leadership and strategic planning. I was particularly drawn to [BEE](#) because of its Crossroads of Change framework – a new way to think about whom to engage in the change process, when to engage them, and how engagement may differ across constituencies. It will be a great reflective experience for me, and even more important, an opportunity for current public leaders to learn researched-based practical information from someone who has been in their shoes.”

The Brookings Institution and [BEE](#) have a long history of tapping top talent among public sector leaders. Long led NGA during critical periods of change and transition, including becoming the first United States agency to adopt open-source software development to aid natural disaster first responders and providing support to the operation that led to the death of Osama bin Laden.

“We are delighted that Long has joined our staff. The public leaders who attend courses at [BEE](#) have come to expect high caliber instruction and research-based curriculum that is practical and can be applied as soon as they leave the classroom. Long will help us continue this tradition and provide unparalleled insight to those facing daunting challenges in their organizations,” stated Jackson Nickerson Associate Dean and Director of [BEE](#) and Frahm Family Professor, WUSTL.

[BEE](#) a partnership of the Brookings Institution and WUSTL Olin School of Business brings together two premier institutions, to deliver on Robert S. Brookings desire to “teach the art of handling problems rather than simply impart accumulated knowledge” to those in and engaged with government.

About Letitia Long

Letitia A. Long served as the fifth Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), and was the first woman to lead a major US intelligence agency. This appointment culminated a career that spanned all aspects of organizational leadership, business functions, and global operations. She led the NGA during a critical period of transition and has deep experience in strategic planning, policy development, leading change in complex organizations, executive development and succession planning with an emphasis on diversity operations, budget planning and execution, and innovation and risk management.

Starting her career in Naval Intelligence, Long went on to serve as the Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence, and then the first Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (Policy, Requirements and Resources), the first Chief Information Officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Long is the recipient of numerous awards to include the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive, two Presidential Rank Awards of Meritorious Executive, two DoD Medals for Distinguished Service and three National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medals. She has been decorated with the Medal of Merit by the King of Norway, appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the National Order of the Legion of Honor of France and awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

Long currently sits on the boards of Raytheon Company, Urthecast Corporation and Noblis, Inc. She is also on the board of the Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs.

Long earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Catholic University of America and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Strategic Intelligence by the National Intelligence University.

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