



**Solution Session Sponsored by LiRo Group**  
**Hurricane Preparedness and Pre-Disaster Contracts:**  
**Perspective on Effective Resiliency & Preparedness**

June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-11:30am ET

Presented by **Peter Gaynor**

**Presentation Abstract:** Peter T. Gaynor's perspective on effective resiliency and preparedness. The LiRo Group's Director of National Resilience Response and Recovery Programs shares his experience on being prepared for the 2021 hurricane season

**Speaker Bio:** Peter T. Gaynor CEM, former Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, has joined LiRo Engineers, Inc. to lead LiRo's new consulting practice for National Resilience, Response and Recovery Programs. In this assignment, Mr. Gaynor, will help public and private clients prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters by delivering practical, innovative, outcome-based solutions. The U.S. market for homeland security and emergency management infrastructure and services was estimated at more than \$623 billion in 2020 and is expected to grow at a compound annual rate of 6.3% through 2025 to \$845 billion, according to a market study.

Mr. Gaynor has a distinguished record of providing continuity of operations, government and critical functions required to maintain effectiveness, readiness and survivability dating from his service in the United States

Marine Corps where he directed around-the-clock operations supporting the Marine's global crisis response after the 9/11 attacks. Most recently, he served as the Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Deputy Administrator of FEMA in October 2018 and advanced to FEMA Administrator in March 2019. During his time at FEMA, Mr. Gaynor led the agency's response to more than 300 presidentially declared emergencies and major disasters. During 2020, he oversaw FEMA's first-ever operational response to a nationwide pandemic while simultaneously responding to a record number of historic natural disasters. As a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Mr. Gaynor directed FEMA's operational coordination for the whole-of-Government response to COVID-19. He was recently awarded the Department of Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal and the United States Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Medal for his service at FEMA. Earlier, Mr. Gaynor served as Director of Emergency Management for the State of Rhode Island and Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the City of Providence. Prior to his career in local, state and federal government, Mr. Gaynor served 26 years in the Marine Corps, retiring as lieutenant colonel. Mr. Gaynor earned a bachelor's degree in history from Rhode Island College and a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He is also a graduate of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Executive Leaders Program.