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Speaker Bio:

Dr. Daniel Kaniewski is US Public Sector Leader at global professional services firm Marsh McLennan. In addition to his role at Marsh, he is chair of the Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate at the National Institute of Building Sciences and an advisor to The Resiliency Company and Juvare.

Prior to joining Marsh in February 2020, Dr. Kaniewski was the second-ranking official at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As the agency's first Deputy Administrator for Resilience, he launched and led the disaster resilience programs that are now a cornerstone of FEMA's mission.

Dr. Kaniewski was Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Response Policy in the George W. Bush Administration, where he managed over 200 Presidential disaster declarations at the White House.

Dr. Kaniewski has previously served as a member of the DHS Homeland Security Advisory Council and the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission, a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and on the adjunct faculty of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from George Washington University, an M.A. in National Security Studies from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and a B.S. magna cum laude in Emergency Medical Services from George Washington University.

Presentation:

The Disasters That Define Us

In this presentation, Dr. Daniel Kaniewski, a former senior FEMA leader and White House official, will describe his firsthand experiences with 9/77, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Maria, and the pandemic and the lessons that he and the nation took from these disasters. Weaving in personal stories, operational details, and public policy actions, Dr. Kaniewski will elucidate lessons applicable not just to those

disasters but to any catastrophic event. Only by learning these lessons will history not repeat itself in the future.