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Goss to Keynote HST'17

Internationally recognized expert on disaster management to open IEEE Homeland Security Technology symposium

BOSTON (Jan. 23, 2017) –Kay C. Goss, world renowned author/lecturer on emergency management and general resiliency, will keynote the *IEEE Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security* (HST '17) this year in Boston April 25.

Goss is founder, first CEO and current president of *World Disaster Management, LLC* [WDM], designed to support the building of the entire emergency management profession. Goss utilizes colleges and universities around the world as well as supporting FEMA in preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. Initial projects include a community college in South Africa, an evacuation technology in Northern Ireland as well as working with the University of Ulster Business School, and the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management at Istanbul Technical University in Turkey.

"My thrust is in pre-disaster activity," says Goss, "in getting ready for time when a disaster occurs rather than after the disaster, the responses and recovery phases."

Goss made her comments today on the *ScienceNews* Radio Network program *Promise of Tomorrow with Colonel Mason*, www.PromiseOfTomorrow.biz. The broadcast originates in Dallas, Texas, then archived and Webcast for its world audience.

In keynoting this year's HST'17 symposium Goss says "what I want to do is build the leadership in the profession. I want to keep pressing forward to reach higher levels of expertise."

This symposium historically brings together innovators from leading academic, industry, business, homeland security centers of excellence, and

government programs in a forum—discussing ideas, concepts, and experimental results.

This is the 16th annual *IEEE Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security*, sponsored by the Massachusetts Port Authority [Massport] to be held 25-26 April 2017, in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area. Produced by IEEE with technical support from DHS S&T, IEEE, IEEE Boston Section, and IEEE-USA and organizational support from MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Raytheon, Battelle, and MITRE. Detailed information on the sponsorship and exhibit opportunities, can be found: <http://ieee-hst.org/>