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## **Women Vital in Homeland Security**

*Women engineers bring new milestone to the 2017 IEEE International Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security (HST '17), 25 to 26 April*

BOSTON (Feb. 22, 2017) – For the first time, two plenary speakers for the *IEEE International Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security* are women. Both recognized as having reached a pinnacle in their careers as influencers and decision makers of note, they are: **Kay Goss CEM**, President, World Disaster Management, LLC and **Dr. Melissa L. Flagg**, current founder and CEO of Flagg Consulting, LLC [formerly Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research in the US Department of Defense].

“These 2017 plenary speakers bring outstanding credentials,” says Fausto Molinet, co-chair of the symposium, “and we look forward to their insights and advice on threats, trends and the direction of research to counter them.”

HST'17 is the sixteenth running of the IEEE's premier event on the development of new technologies supporting the security and defense of the US and our allies. Each year it brings together government officials, academic and industry researchers and many others interested in this vital topic. Over 100 papers and posters, peer reviewed by panels of domain experts for rigor and appropriate application, make up the technical program. During the two days of the symposium, attendees can listen, interact, and network with authors and decision makers.

“HST '17 is a must attend event for all who seek to learn more or participate in the improvement of the mission of securing us against intrusion and disaster” added Molinet. Register for the conference at [www.ieee-hst.org](http://www.ieee-hst.org).