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Dave Harden is the Managing Director of the Georgetown Strategy Group, a Washington, D.C. based consulting firm that leverages talent, technology, and capital to help solve some of the world's most complex problems. Working with the private sector, communities, and governments, the Georgetown Strategy Group seeks to promote trade and investment, advance security and stability, develop economic opportunity, and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance in the Middle East and Africa. The Georgetown Strategy Group represents leading technology and financial firms in the Middle East and has partnered with Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory to bring next generation innovations to complex crises.

Mr. Harden is also Chief Executive Officer of Souktel, Inc. a U.S. technology firm with a Ramallah-based research and development center. Souktel provides mobile content delivery, data collection, and data analytics solutions for emerging markets. In parallel, Souktel offers offshore design/build consulting services to customize these applications for enterprise customers.

Mr. Harden is also a regular writer, speaker and television commentator on issues on the Middle East, national security, and climate change. He is also on the Board of Directors of Kids4Peace, an interfaith youth organization determined to build a better world for the next generation.

Before founding the Georgetown Strategy Group, Mr. Harden was a Minister Counselor in the career Senior Foreign Service. He recently served as the Assistant Administrator for the US Agency for International Development's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance in the Obama Administration. In that capacity, Mr. Harden led a bureau focused on global crisis response and political transition with an annual budget of \$4.8 billion with nearly 1,200 staff. Mr. Harden spearheaded all USAID efforts to respond to crises and stabilization efforts – including responses in Haiti, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, the West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.

Prior to his Presidential nomination and Senate confirmation, Mr. Harden served 17 years overseas in the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia. He was the USAID Mission Director to the West Bank and Gaza where he worked closely with the Israelis and Palestinians on economic development, institution building, and trade and conflict management. Mr. Harden also spent nearly two years as the Deputy Mission Director at the USAID Mission to Iraq. Additionally, Mr. Harden served for three years as Senior Advisor to President Obama's Special Envoy for Middle East Peace. In September 2011, Mr. Harden helped reopen the U.S. embassy in Tripoli and established the first USAID presence in Libya.

Mr. Harden earned his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University, Master of Arts in Political Science from Columbia University, and Bachelor of Arts in Government from Franklin and Marshall College.

Mr. Harden is married to Sharon A. Harden, a Washington D.C. attorney; they have three great adult children.