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KENNETH B. ALLEN – Executive Director

Kenneth B. Allen is executive director of the American Council for Technology and Industry Advisory Council. With extensive experience in both government and the non-profit sector, his professional positions include president and chief executive officer, government relations expert and lobbyist, newspaper publisher, senior government policy analyst and management consultant. Prior to joining ACT/IAC, Mr. Allen was executive director of the Partnership for Public Warning, a national, non-profit partnership where government and industry worked together to improve America's public warning capabilities. Mr. Allen was also executive vice president and chief executive officer of the National Newspaper Association (NNA) -- the voice of America's community newspapers and the largest newspaper association in the nation. He was president of the Information Industry Association (IIA), a Washington, DC-based trade association representing over eight hundred of the world's leading publishing, technology, and telecommunications companies. While at IIA, Mr. Allen managed the Global Alliance of Information Industry Associations (GAIIA), a network of information industry associations in over 30 countries. Mr. Allen joined the Information Industry Association as senior vice president for government relations. In that position he made the association one of the most effective public policy programs representing the U.S. information industry. As a result of his efforts, a leading Washington, DC publication stated that "*no federal information policy legislation will pass without IIA's endorsement.*" Mr. Allen served under Presidents Bush, Carter and Reagan as a senior policy analyst with the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB). While at OMB, Mr. Allen was responsible for overseeing the acquisition and management of government information technology. He was instrumental in implementing the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within OMB and developing major policies governing executive branch information activities on information access, dissemination, and privacy. He participated in President Reagan's regulatory reform program and President Carter's Data Processing Reorganization Project. The *National Journal* has profiled Mr. Allen as the "*top gun of the information industry*" and *Campaign & Elections* magazine cited him as one of the "*Rising Political Stars of '98.*" His awards include election to Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honorary society for public administration. He is a principal of the Council for Excellence in Government. Mr. Allen has a BA in political science from the University of Illinois and an MS in administration from George Washington University. He resides in Great Falls, Virginia with his wife Judith.