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CSBA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA), a recognized leader in innovative thinking on defense planning and investment strategies, today announced the appointment of five new members to its Board of Directors: Pete du Pont, Vic H. Fazio, Nelson M. Ford, James J. Shinn and Laurence Zuriff.

“The nuanced and multifaceted understanding of political, business and technological trends that the new members bring will help CSBA identify emerging areas and disciplines of analysis, as well as legislative and bureaucratic initiatives vital to the security of our Nation,” said Dave McCurdy, Chair of CSBA’s Board. Pete du Pont has an extensive background in local, state and national politics, having served as governor of Delaware, a state legislator, and Representative in the US Congress. He was a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988.

Vic H. Fazio is Senior Advisor at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP. Mr. Fazio represented California’s 3rd District in the US Congress for twenty years, where he served on the House Appropriations Committee as a subcommittee chairman or ranking member for eighteen years. He was also a member of the Armed Services, Budget, Ethics and House Administration committees.

Nelson M. Ford is President and CEO of LMI, a government consulting firm. He previously served as Under Secretary of the Army (2008-2009) and has held a number of positions in the Department of Defense, including Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller.

James J. Shinn is a prominent expert on Asia and the Pacific. He has served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian & Pacific Security Affairs, as the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia on the National Intelligence Council, as Public Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and in the East Asia Bureau of the US Department of State. He is the author of *Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China* (1996), and *Fires Across the Water: Transnational Problems in Asia* (1998), and a co-author of *Political Power and Corporate Control: the New Global Politics of Corporate Governance* (2005).

Laurence Zuriff is the Managing Partner of Granite Capital International Group and Chief Investment Officer of Unterberg Technology Funds. Prior to joining Granite Capital in 2000, he ran the Weiss Peck and Greer Tudor Fund and was an equity analyst at York Capital. He previously served as an Analyst at SAIC, Graduate Fellow in the Office of Net Assessment at the Department of Defense, and Legislative Assistant to Congressman Jon Kyl. “I am delighted that these very talented individuals have joined CSBA’s Board of Directors. I am excited at the prospect of working with them as we continue to address the major strategic and fiscal challenges to our nation’s security,” said Andrew Krepinevich, President and CEO of CSBA.

The new members will be joining Dave McCurdy (Chair), Dan Coats, Devon Gaffney Cross, Jack Keane, Elihu Rose and R. James Woolsey.

More information on CSBA Board of Directors is available at http://www.csbaonline.org/2006-1/5.AboutUs/Board_of_Directors.php.