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## **Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to Receive 26th Annual William Oliver Baker Award**

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) is proud to announce that Secretary of Defense Robert Gates will be honored with the 26th annual William Oliver Baker Award for excellence in intelligence and national security. The Secretary is being recognized for his outstanding contributions to the intelligence, national security and defense activities of the United States throughout his long, impressive career in government and academia.

Secretary Gates has intimate knowledge of and appreciation for defense and intelligence issues, and has a long list of accomplishments in government and academia. He is long-time veteran of the CIA and the only career officer to rise from entry-level employee to Director. He is a former Air Force intelligence officer, served on the National Security Council, was DDCI, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor and is now Secretary of Defense. Additionally, as President of The Texas A&M University and a former Dean of the George Bush School for Government and Public Service, he made important contributions to the education of a new generation of intelligence and national security professionals.

The William Oliver Baker Award was established by the Security Affairs Support Association (SASA) to promote excellence in the intelligence and national security activities of the United States government and associated endeavors in the private sector. The Award, which has continued on after SASA's reconstitution as INSA, annually recognizes individuals for exceptional achievements and sustained contributions or single achievements of extraordinary merit.

Members of the government, private industry, and academic community are eligible to receive the award, provided that a substantial portion of the professional activity is devoted to national security affairs. Awardees can be selected on the basis of sustained excellence in their contribution to national security affairs, a single achievement of extraordinary merit, contributions in the scientific and technical disciplines, technical enhancement of unusual significance, management proficiency of a high order, or development or application of techniques that permit cost savings of substantial magnitude. Previous recipients include Sen. John Warner, Richard Kerr, ADM Bill Studeman, Gen. Jim Clapper, Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Joan Dempsey, George Tenet, and Charlie Allen.

The award ceremony will occur the evening of Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Tyson's Corner, VA.

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