

CSIS-GLOBAL STRATEGY INSTITUTE STRATEGIC VISION AWARD

2006 Recipient: **THAD W. ALLEN, USCG**

A far-sighted leader with the ability to respond effectively in crises, VADM Allen has demonstrated outstanding strategic vision and leadership not only in spearheading long-range planning for the U.S. Coast Guard, but also in his recent role as Principal Federal Official (PFO) overseeing Hurricane Katrina response and recovery effort. While the Gulf region's recovery is still underway, the settling of the political storm following Katrina, continued rescue and relief efforts, and the beginning of reconstruction occurred under VADM Allen's deployment to the region. VADM Allen constantly seeks new ideas and lenses to bring the future into focus for the Coast Guard and U.S. security interests more broadly. Following September 11, 2001, the U.S. Coast Guard was one of the organizations best prepared to deal with the new challenges presented, largely thanks to strategic planning exercises carried out in Project Evergreen, headed by VADM Allen, former Commandant James Loy

and others. With the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, VADM Allen realized the importance of interagency coordination preparedness. He promoted the idea of long-term planning exercises throughout the U.S. government and scoured the landscape for best practices and fresh insights. He has also served a critical role in the ongoing Project Horizon, a year-long interagency U.S. government long-term strategic planning exercise whose administrators identify VADM Allen as an inspirational force in their work.



ABOUT THIS AWARD:

The Strategic Vision Award honors leaders who, when faced with short term pressures and the difficult challenge of extending planning horizons, proceed to formulate creative and innovative approaches to strategic issues.

The award is conferred annually on the occasion of the Global Strategy Institute's anniversary event. Award recipient selection involves the consideration of a broad range of candidates representing government, the private sector, the nongovernmental community and academia.

