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FORMER SENATE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL SWORN IN AS FEMA'S ADMINISTRATOR FOR FLOOD INSURANCE, MITIGATION

WASHINGTON – Anthony S. Lowe, former senior legislative counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition and a staff member of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Government Information from 1997 to 2002, was sworn in today as Administrator of the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Lowe, confirmed by the Senate in July, was officially sworn in by FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh at a ceremony at FEMA headquarters. In his role as head of the agency's Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), Lowe oversees the National Flood Insurance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and other initiatives aimed at eliminating or reducing risks communities face from natural and man-made disasters.

"Anthony is the right leader for FIMA at a time of added meaning and greater urgency for emergency management," said Allbaugh. "The National Flood Insurance Program, the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and the National Hurricane Program are very important parts of a national strategy that emphasizes preparedness and prevention."

Prior to serving on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Lowe was a deputy prosecutor with the King County Prosecutor's Office in Seattle. He was also a Planning Commissioner for the City of Redmond, Washington, and served as a legal counsel for the Washington State Senate. Earlier in his career, Lowe was associate director of two programs of the Institute of Contemporary Studies in Washington, D.C. He also served as legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Slade Gordon of Washington.

"My vision for FIMA is that it become the premier all-hazard risk management organization in the federal government," said Lowe. "To get there, we will build strong partnerships with all risk managers, public and private—including emergency managers, state floodplain managers and code officials as well as leaders in government, industry, research and academia."

A native of King County, Wash., Lowe holds a bachelor's degree in international political science from the University of Washington, a law degree from the University of Santa Clara, and a master's degree in theology from Virginia Union University.

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