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Horizons Global Solutions Grows Senate Practice in Support of Client Priorities

Next Generation Consultancy Provides Strategic Guidance and Bipartisan Support to Innovative Firms

Horizons Global Solutions, a boutique bipartisan government relations consultancy based in Huntsville, Alabama and Washington, D.C., announced today the expansion of its U.S. Senate lobbying practice following firm Partner **Stephen Boyd**'s satisfaction of the Senate's mandatory one-year "cooling off" period.

Under Senate Rule 37.9 and other federal laws, a former senior staffer in the Senate must wait for a period of one year after leaving the Senate to lobby any Member, officer, or employee of the upper chamber. Prior to joining HGS, Boyd served in the Senate as a Chief of Staff, the highest-ranking position in a senator's office managing congressional staff and serving as the top political, policy, and communications advisor. Boyd's one-year waiting period expired yesterday.

"Our team has over 50 combined years of U.S. Government experience from the military to senior positions on both sides of Capitol Hill and within the highest levels across multiple Federal Departments. As expected, with the end of Stephen's cooling off period, we'll now have an even greater presence in the Senate," HGS founder David Lasseter said. **"We know how important decisions are made within the U.S. Government because not too long ago we were making those decisions."**

Boyd's eighteen years in government include two years of service as Chief of Staff to Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) and six years as Chief of Staff in the House of Representatives to Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL). He also served as a Communications Director for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and as a communications and policy aide for then-Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL).

Most notably, Boyd's career includes a four-year stint as the presidentially nominated and Senate-confirmed Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

Boyd, a native of Birmingham, is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Law. He lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

"Every client that HGS supports has a mission to make the world a better and safer place through innovation and technology. It's about putting the warfighter, the intelligence community, and the law enforcement officer first, and we're fortunate to play a role in their success," Boyd said. **"Having worked in the Senate for two different Senators and for one of its**

most prestigious committees, I recognize that—for those looking in from the outside—the Senate is often a confusing place. I’m pleased to now be able to provide additional advocacy and insight, helping our clients look behind the curtain to advance their goals.”

HGS, founded in March of 2021, has quickly gained the reputation of a leading, next-generation consultancy that provides comprehensive support to its clients based on real-world experience, deep understanding of relevant policy and practice, and authentic relationships across Washington. Based in Huntsville—a nationally recognized center of aerospace, defense, and biotech activity—HGS supports innovative domestic and international defense, biotech, intelligence, and law enforcement firms that work with the U.S. federal government.

Each HGS partner has deep experience in the House, Senate, and in the Executive branch.

Prior to founding HGS, Lasseter served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy responsible for, among other issues, all strategies and policies concerning preventing the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and WMD-related materials as well as Oceans and Airspace Policy. Previously he served as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs at DOJ, as a Congressional Chief of staff, military legislative assistant and counsel, and as lead defense government relations professional for United Technologies Corporation. Lasseter, a native of Columbus, Georgia who remains an intelligence officer in the U.S. Marine Corps’ Reserve Component, graduated from the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama School of Law.

HGS Partner **Julie Lasseter** served at the Pentagon during the Obama Administration as a Special Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and for the Assistant Secretary on Energy, Installations, and Environment. On Capitol Hill, she served as the Senior Legislative Advisor to Senator Mark Pryor (D-AR), and as National Security Advisor to both Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA) and Representative Vic Snyder (D-AR). Outside of government, Lasseter was a policy and development Director for an international nonprofit advising C-Suite executives on economic development, carbon markets, and sustainability. Lasseter, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, is a graduate of George Washington University and has a Master of Business Administration from The Darden School at the University of Virginia.

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