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Peacemaker and Former Defense Department Official Meets with Ames Planning Associates Clients during Monadnock Region Visit

PETERBOROUGH, NH (July 2, 2008) — Dr. Doug Johnston of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., met with clients of Ames Planning Associates at the Greenfield Library on June 30, the day after he spoke to a large crowd at the Monadnock Summer Lyceum at the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church. Carl Johnson, a principal at Ames Planning Associates, met Dr. Johnston while working part-time in Washington and Brussels with the U.S. Navy and NATO, and invited him to speak at both venues. Dr. Johnston and Johnson are working together on several point papers for publication within the government and diplomatic communities.

As founder and president of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, Dr. Johnston advocates the use of faith-based diplomacy and discussed its benefits in dealing with global security and hostilities in the Middle East.

"This is a subject that we wanted our clients to hear more about," says Johnson. "Our nation and world are facing more and more serious threats to peace and understanding. Dr. Johnston and his team have been bringing an approach to diplomacy and cross-cultural communications that is not only unique, but is inherently successful, something we desperately need. At Ames Planning, we provide our clients with a strategic view of the world, which gives them an advantage in understanding investing from a global perspective."

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Dr. Johnston earned a doctorate in Political Science from Harvard University, where he founded the Kennedy School's Executive Program in National and International Security. He has also served as Director of Policy Planning and Management in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of the Navy. More recently he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

In addition, Dr. Johnston has edited and authored several books, including *Religion, the Missing Dimension of Statecraft*, *Foreign Policy into the 21st Century: The U.S. Leadership Challenge*, and *Faith-based Diplomacy: Trumping Realpolitik*.

"At Ames Planning, we feel privileged to have been able to bring Dr. Johnston to the Monadnock Region to speak to the community and our clients about important global issues and the benefits of faith-based diplomacy," adds Johnson. "He is one of those rare individuals who actively practice the strategies that they preach."

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