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BENS to Honor Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, USA and Andrew N. Liveris, Chairman, President & CEO, Dow Chemical with Eisenhower Award

(Washington, DC) – Business Executives for National Security (BENS) will honor General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, US Army and Dow Chemical Company Chairman, President and CEO Andrew N. Liveris with the Eisenhower Award at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center on May 20. Jamie Colby, co-anchor of “America’s News HQ” for FOX News will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Cocktails and dinner will be served in the Atrium and Grand Ballroom, beginning with cocktails at 6:30pm and a formal dinner to follow at 7:30pm.

Gen. Odierno graduated from West Point in 1976 with a commission in Field Artillery. His career with the US Army has included service in Germany, Kuwait, Iraq and the United States. Gen. Odierno was a distinguished leader in both Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom he led the 4th Infantry Division that ultimately captured Saddam Hussein. He was also the operation commander during the military surge, and from Oct. 2010 to Aug. 2011 he was the Commander of US Joint Forces Command. A former advisor to Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Peter Pace as well as Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice, Gen. Odierno now holds the position of US Army Chief of Staff once held by Gen. Eisenhower himself.

Dow Chemical Company Chairman, President and CEO Andrew N. Liveris has a remarkable 37-year career with the company, and has served on its Board of Directors since 2004. Australian by birth, Liveris rose through the ranks of Dow Chemical and has left a notable mark on the manufacturing and energy conglomerate. Considered an influential and innovative business executive for his visionary leadership, he has received numerous accolades from the press, philanthropic organizations and industry for his pragmatic view of how to help a company thrive in an ever-changing global marketplace. Penning the 2011 book “Make It in America,” Liveris is a strong advocate for the strong role manufacturing plays in the US economy, and he serves as co-chair of President Obama’s Advanced Manufacturing Partnership. Liveris shares BENS’ focus on pressing national security issues including the threat of cyber attacks and the need for energy independence.

The BENS Eisenhower Award recognizes those outstanding leaders whose contributions to our country best reflect President Eisenhower’s definition of security as “. . . the total product of our economic, intellectual, moral and military strength.” This year’s honorees, two great visionaries, truly embody that charge. Senior officials from the Administration, Congress, the Department of Defense and the military will join hundreds of BENS members and special guests for this memorable evening.

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