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# MISSION NEXT ANNOUNCES ALL VOLUNTEER INDEPENDENT RESEARCH GROUP TO BEAT COVID

Chaired by noted Bio-Defense and Indoor Air Experts Consortium presented exclusive first briefing at BIZPAC event in Houston

Houston, TX – BIZPAC recently sponsored an event consisting of a well-informed group of panel members that discussed a Layered Air Defense approach to combating the COVID-19 virus. JL Trahan, BIZPAC Founder and event moderator, was "honored to host the Layered Air Defense Briefing and even more so when the consortium, Co-Chaired by experts in Bio-Defense Lt Gen (ret) Dr PK Carlton and Dr Yan Chen, PhD, was announced by Dr Paul Nelson, MD at our event." He describes BIZPAC as an association of business owners networking together to set a legislative agenda that stimulates our economy. Joseph goes on to explain that their members participate in round tables and act as a think tank for legislators corresponding with legislative bodies and municipal governments to bring about fair and reasonable change.

One of BIZPAC's 2021 legislative agendas is to see businesses safely operating at full capacity so that the economy can recover. BIZPAC founder, JL Trahan, describes their organization as a resource "to serve businesses and influence policy that will ultimately help the economy thrive." He explains that CIMR Layered Air Defense Systems "creates a healthy environment at home and the workplace mitigating pathogen threats that compromise our immune system." Joseph encourages anyone who is interested in learning about this technology to visit CIMRscientific.com.

Betsy and Paul Nelson, co-founders of <u>Mission-Next, LLC</u>, announced the formation and sponsorship of an independent scientific research consortium to help fight COVID. This diverse multi-disciplinary consortium of uncompensated volunteers, co-chaired by Lt. Gen (ret) Dr. PK Carlton, Jr. and Dr. Yan Chen, PhD is composed of retired military leaders, medical specialists, policy experts and scientists. They will provide timely, fact-based and cost-effective independent recommendations to implement integrated, <u>multi-layered air defense</u> solutions to fight COVID-19 today and prevent future bio-threats tomorrow.

"For the past year, our nation has been waging a deadly war against COVID—with recent months being some of the most devastating in American history. Simply put, this is a war we must win. No longer can we stall in utilizing our most cutting-edge technologies," said <u>Lt. Gen. (ret) Dr. PK Carlton, Jr.</u>, the 17<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States Air Force and a respected expert on biothreats to national security. "We must adopt a wartime mindset of rapidly evaluating, then safely deploying, science-based technologies as part of an integrated multilayered air defense strategy to defeat COVID today and protect our citizens against any future bio-threats."





"I am excited for the opportunity to work alongside General Carlton and this team to advance the science of shared indoor air," said <u>Dr. Yan Chen</u>, the Dwyer professor of mechanical engineering at Purdue University and a respected international expert on indoor air. "With this important research we will help identify the solutions that will allow our nation to reopen safely."

General Carlton and Dr. Nelson represented the independent research consortium during an exclusive and well received discussion of the layered air defense strategy at the 2021 BIZPAC Summit held in Houston, Texas on February 27, 2021.

Mission-Next thanks BIZPAC for the opportunity to discuss the models and science-based concepts with a diverse group of leaders representing business, academia, education, media and government. <u>BIZPAC</u>, an association of Houston business owners and community leaders, strives to create a business-friendly legislative agenda while working to educate legislative bodies and municipal governments to bring about fair and reasonable change.

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