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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*

OXFORD, MISS. - Betsy and Paul Nelson, co-founders of [Mission-Next, LLC](#), 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, [multi-layered air defense](#) 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 [Lt. Gen. \(ret\) Dr. PK Carlton, Jr.](#), the 17th 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 multi-layered 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 [Dr. Yan Chen](#), 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. [BIZPAC](#), 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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