Sharon Dawes has been appointed to serve on the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Advisory Panel for the U.S. General Services Administration’s (GSA) Dialog on the USA.gov web portal. The panel will identify themes, ideas, and trends that emerge from the dialog and make recommendations to GSA for future stakeholder engagements.

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