The escalating climate debate and threats of other problems like natural disasters and terrorist attacks seems to have every one these days talking about the need for more regionalism. Given the fragmentation of political authority in metro areas, what can cities realistically do to work together more? Aside from creating a region or metropolitan government, what other ways can we achieve regionalism?
Is the federal government helpful to local government leaders, or is it a hindrance? State your thoughts on this.
There is a saying in urban policy that “geography is destiny.” As you think about differences among cities in metropolitan areas, what does this phrase mean to you?

What values do you think are most important for guiding local public managers’ actions and decisions?