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Dr. Tim Tinker is a Senior Associate with Booz Allen Hamilton's Strategy and Organization and is Director of the firm's Center for Risk and Crisis Communication. As a nationally and internationally recognized expert in risk and crisis communications, Tim works in both public and private sectors such as homeland security, defense, emergency preparedness, public health, health care, energy, environment, to successfully help clients anticipate, prepare and practice science-based and system-wide risk and crisis communication.



Prior to joining Booz Allen, Tim was a federal communicator at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, a sister agency of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As Chief of Communications and Research he helped federal, state and local agencies develop solutions for complex and challenging communications issues. In the early 1990's, he provided congressional testimony and worked with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive communications strategy to address concerns about Gulf War Illness and anthrax vaccine safety.

As a risk and crisis communication expert, Tim has consulted with national and international organizations such as the National Academies of Science, the United Nations World Health Organization, the Scientific Affairs Division of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Embassies of Italy and France.

In his consultation and practice, Tim interacts frequently with the news media and popular press. His comments on controversial issues such as the global toy recall, child labor practices in India, and possible ecoli contamination from a national restaurant chain appeared in *MSNBC*, *Forbes*, *PR News*, *PR Week*, and *Homeland Protection Professional*. His communications research has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism*, *Journal of Health Communication* and the *Risk Policy Report*.

Tim has won numerous honors and awards. In 2007, he was awarded a Pfizer Visiting Professorship in Health Literacy to Tulane University. He also led a team in 2006 that received the PRSA Thoth Award for Best Crisis Communications. In 2004, he and the American Public Health Association co-produced the video "The Face of Public Health," winner of the 11th National Health Information Awards program.

In working to bridge research to practice, Tim holds Adjunct Professor appointments at The George Washington University School of Public Health and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' Department of Psychiatry.

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