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Prior to joining NGA, Stienstra worked as a local emergency manager for Arlington, VA, where she acquired frontline experiences managing severe weather incidents, hazardous materials spills, infectious disease outbreaks, and large special events, including presidential inaugurations. During this time, she also served as a visiting scholar at Virginia Tech, where she directed research and published on the topics of mass notification and public warning. Stienstra holds a master's degree in systems engineering from George Washington University and has attended executive development programs at Harvard University. She holds the Certified Emergency Manager designation from the International Association of Emergency Managers.

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