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Ms. Karin E. Appel is the Director, Information and Performance Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO), Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Prior to March 2015, she served as the Director, Joint Information Environment (JIE) Implementation as the principal advisor to the Deputy CIO for the Information Enterprise in support of JIE, directing, managing, executing, and overseeing policies, strategies, programs, and investment decisions. As Acting Deputy, DCIO for IE, and on behalf of CIO, she led the Pentagon and National Capital Region Information Technology (IT) Consolidation Planning efforts and recommendations presented to and accepted by the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Ms. Appel entered federal civil service in 1989 and has served in a variety of Information Resource Management, Information Technology Management, and Program Management/Analyst positions across the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

From 2012 to May 2014, Ms. Appel served as the Joint Staff J6 Liaison to the DoD CIO, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Prior to this assignment, she was detailed to the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as an Intelligence and Strategy Program Manager as part of the Defense Senior Leader Development Program.

From 2008 to 2011, she served as Deputy Assistant CIO, where she assisted the Joint Staff CIO with programming, planning, budgeting and policy to manage Joint Staff Information Resources. As Deputy, Office of the CIO, she co-led a 350 person organization responsible for daily IT support for 3000 members including the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

From 2001 to 2008, Ms. Appel served as Director, White House Military Office (WHMO), Information and Technology Management. She was responsible for Top Secret Communications in support of Continuity of the Presidency along with Policy, Strategic Planning, Portfolio Management, Acquisition, Information Assurance, Budgeting and contracting. She served as WHMO's representative to the White House Executive IT Steering Committee led by the White House CIO. Other duties included oversight of the New Employee Orientation Program, WHMO Climate Surveys, and the DoD White House Tour program.

Prior assignments include the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the On-Site Inspection Agency, Counterintelligence Offices, serving as a program analyst supporting Force Protection Requirements. She also served as IT Manager and BioLink PM for all geographically dispersed offices. She served as an instructor at the Counterintelligence Analytical Methods Course, Joint Military Intelligence Training Center, Defense Intelligence Agency as well as a U.S. Inspector, Government Duty Officer, Votkinsk, Russia, under the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

Ms. Appel is a 2013 graduate of the Defense Senior Leader Development Program (DSLDP), and a 2012 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF)/Eisenhower School, National Defense University (NDU) earning a Master's Degree in National Security and Resource Strategy. She holds a second Master's degree in Management from Troy State University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Frostburg State University. She holds CIO, Information Operations, and Information Assurance Certifications through the NDU. Ms. Appel is a recipient of the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the White House Distinguished Service Award for Service on September 11th, 2001, the OSD Award for Excellence, and a Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.