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Mr. Torelli serves as Director of Mission Assurance in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering. He is responsible for Systems Engineering, Development Planning, and Specialty Engineering policy, guidance and defense standardization. He is the focal point for human capital strategy and planning for improvement of Defense Acquisition technical management career fields (Systems Engineering, Production, Quality and Manufacturing, and related Software curriculum). His Specialty Engineering responsibilities include Reliability, Maintainability, System Safety, Manufacturing, Software, Human Systems Integration, and management of the Value Engineering (VE) program.

Mr. Torelli has over 35 years of experience supporting national defense. His career spans the U. S. Navy (attack submarines), over 25 years in the defense industry with several major corporations, and a prior tour in OSD. After departing the Naval Submarine Force, he held increasingly responsible positions in the defense industry beginning as a systems engineer, progressing to program manager and plant manager. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production Resources) in late 1990, managing weapons systems transition to production, the defense industrial base, quality, specifications and standards, and concurrent engineering. In his most recent job in industry, Mr. Torelli worked for the Raytheon Company, where his responsibilities and accomplishments included executing critical post-merger company consolidations and leading the Six Sigma transformation of the \$4B Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence business. He came to OSD from the highly successful MIND program, winner of the OSD “Top 5 Program” award in 2006, where he managed program development and engineering changes for this large intelligence program.

He received a Bachelor of Science from the U. S. Naval Academy (1972) before naval nuclear power training and submarine duty. He retired from the U. S. Naval Reserve with the rank of Commander, with service as a Battle Group Command Watch Officer and Tactical Training Group (Atlantic) instructor.