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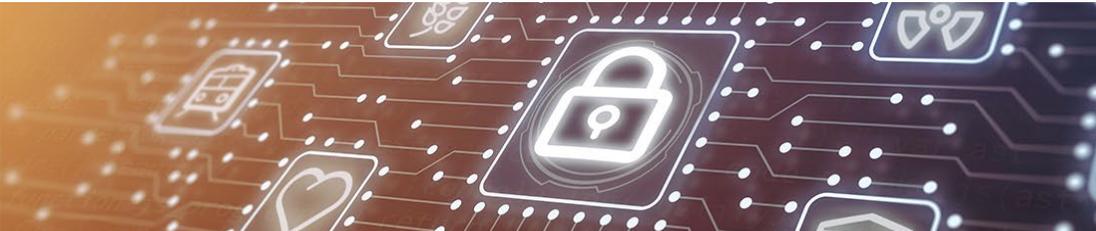
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Cybersecurity Division

Who We Are

The Cybersecurity Division serves to convene member expertise to collaboratively and proactively understand and develop NDIA perspective on cyber-related law, policy, and regulatory proposals and to educate NDIA members and policymakers regarding these proposals and their emerging requirements. The Division's primary objective is to contribute to U.S. national security by promoting communication and interaction between the industry, government, and military on cybersecurity and cyber defense policy, legislation, requirements, and technology.

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Agenda

- 8:30 am – 4:00 pm **Registration**
- 8:30 – 9:00 am **Networking Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:10 am **Welcome Remarks**
Trey Hodgkins
Chair, NDIA's Cybersecurity Division
CEO, Hodgkins Consulting, LLC
- 9:10 – 10:00 am **Key Executive Orders and How They are Likely to Impact Government Contractors**
Susan Warshaw Ebner
Partner and Co-Chair, Government Contracts & Investigations Practice Group, Stinson, LLP
Nicole Vele
Of Counsel, Holland & Hart, LLP
- 10:00 – 10:55 am **The Confluence of AI and Cybersecurity**
Brig Gen Guy Walsh, USAF (Ret)
Executive Vice President and COO, NDIA
Moderator
Dr. David Caswell
Federal Security AI Leader, Microsoft
Ian Crone
DARPA
- 10:55 – 11:10 am **Networking Break**
- 11:10 am – 12:00 pm **ITAR and CUI**
Erica Bakies
Partner, Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
Christina Reynolds
Managing Director, Industry Spec Services, BDO
- 12:00 – 12:15 pm **Networking Lunch**

- 12:15 – 12:20 pm **Establishment of the Robert S. "Bob" Metzger Memorial Award for Excellence in Cybersecurity Policy**
- 12:20 – 1:15 pm **Bridging the Valley of Death – Priorities and Thoughts on IT and Cyber Initiatives**
Katie Arrington
Performing the Duties of the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer
- 1:15 – 1:20 pm **Transition Break**
- 1:20 – 1:50 pm **Legislative Update/FY26 NDAA and FY26 Budget and Appropriations**
Michael Seeds
Senior Director, Strategy and Policy, NDIA
- 1:50 – 2:50 pm **Enhancing Supply Chain Integrity with AI and Automation**
David Kessler
Vice President and Associate General Counsel, IT & Cybersecurity, BAE Systems, Inc.
- 2:50 – 3:05 pm **Networking Break**
- 3:05 – 4:00 pm **FAR CUI Rule / CMMC Updates in the Time of the “Revolutionary FAR Overhaul”**
Rolando Sanchez
Special Counsel, Duane Morris, LLP
Trey Hodgkins
Chair, NDIA’s Cybersecurity Division
CEO, Hodgkins Consulting, LLC
- 4:00 – 4:15 pm **Closing Remarks and Audience Feedback**
Trey Hodgkins
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Biography



Katherine "Katie" Arrington

Performing the Duties of the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer

Ms. Katherine "Katie" Arrington is performing the duties of the Department of

Defense Chief Information Officer. In this capacity, she serves as the primary advisor to the Secretary of Defense for information management/Information Technology (IT); information assurance, as well as non-intelligence space systems; critical satellite communications, navigation, and timing programs; spectrum; and telecommunications.

Prior to assuming this role, she served as the Deputy CIO for Cybersecurity (DCIO(CS)). In this role she provided expert policy, technical, program, and defense-wide oversight support to the DoD CIO on all cybersecurity matters. She was responsible for leading the DoD-wide cybersecurity program, partnering with industry to improve cybersecurity and information sharing and represented the Secretary and DoD

CIO in international discussions and negotiating on cybersecurity topics in both bilateral and multi-lateral (alliance and coalition) channels.

Before assuming her position as DCIO(CS), Ms. Arrington was the Senior Vice President of External Affairs at Exiger, where she mobilized issues of universal consensus, including supply chain visibility, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and national security. She also ran for election to the U.S. House of Representatives for South Carolina's 1st Congressional District in 2022.

A leading expert in policy and technology with extensive experience building relationships and coalitions across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, Ms. Arrington was the first DoD CISO for the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)). She served as the central hub and integrator within OUSD(A&S) to align acquisition and sustainment cyber strategy and efforts to enhance

cyber security within the Defense Industrial Base. She led the White House COVID-19 Supply Chain Task Force for Acceleration as well as the team that created the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC).

Prior to her role as CISO for OUSD(A&S), Ms. Arrington had an extensive career as a legislator and senior cyber executive in private industry. She was a 2018 candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for South Carolina and served for two terms as a South Carolina State Representative. She has extensive experience in cyber strategy, policy, enablement, and implementation across a wide range of business sectors and governmental levels. She has over 15 years of cyber experience acquired through positions at Booz Allen Hamilton, Centuria Corporation, and Dispersive Networks. These positions have given her a unique experience of supporting and working with the government at large, small, and non-traditional contracting firms.

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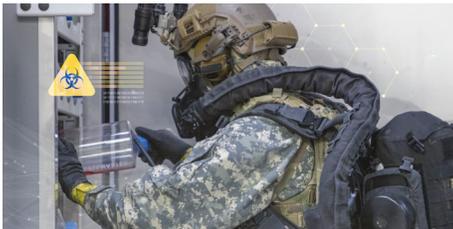
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