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Mike Knollmann serves in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Advanced Systems & Concepts). This office formulates and executes policy, programs and initiatives to promote rapid transition of technologies and enabling operational concepts from applied engineering to fielded and sustained military capabilities to support joint missions. Programs directed by this office include Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations, Foreign Comparative Testing, Defense Challenge Program, Technology Transition Initiative, Joint Warfare (Experimentation) Program and programs to enhance the Defense industrial base.

A graduate of Miami University, Mr. Knollmann retired from the Navy in 2004 after an active duty career spanning thirty years. His afloat military assignments included duties aboard submarines, frigates, destroyers and aircraft carriers. Ashore, he performed duties in the OPNAV Program Appraisal Office. A graduate of the senior course at the Armed Forces Staff College, he completed an assignment as a NATO Staff Officer assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe and to the NATO Military Headquarters. He also served in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff and in the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics secretariat in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

As ADUSD (Joint & Coalition Operations Support), Mr. Knollmann provides leadership, management oversight, policy guidance and coordination of all Advanced Systems & Capabilities activities directly associated with the Joint Warfighting Combatant Commanders (CoComs) and our coalition partners. ADUSD (JCOS) also formulates strategic goals and develops architecture for technology demonstration and transition in achieving the transformational goals of the DoD. He develops the AS&C roadmap for introduction of maturing domestic and foreign technologies (both commercial and defense) through the demonstration and testing process. Mr. Knollmann also monitors emerging technologies and coordinates with research authorities to encourage employment of demonstrations to confirm military application of advanced technologies.