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Mr. Christopher C. Collins is the Director, Developmental Test, Evaluation, and Assessments (D,DTE&A) within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. DTE&A provides support to Department of Defense (DoD) acquisition programs in the use of innovative and efficient DT&E strategies to ensure production readiness and fielded systems meet warfighter/user needs; to improve the Defense Acquisition T&E workforce “practice of the profession”; and to advance T&E policy and guidance. DTE&A also conducts Independent Technical Review Assessments (ITRA) and milestone assessments for major acquisition programs.

Mr. Collins was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in April 2020. Before this appointment, he served as the COMNAVSEASYS COM Deputy for Test and Evaluation. He has also served in various engineering and test leadership positions in the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Program within the Missile Defense Agency, and he completed a one-year experiential assignment with the U.S. Air Force on the Headquarters Staff.

Mr. Collins completed an combined Active Component and Reserve Component career and retired with the rank of Navy Captain. He completed several deployments as a Navy helicopter pilot while on active duty, and he supported Navy technology transition initiatives and assessments at the Office of Naval Research while on reserve duty. During his reserve tenure, Mr. Collins held command of two Reserve Component Commands.

Mr. Collins holds a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master of science in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also graduated with distinction from both the Navy Command and Staff College (distance education) and the Air War College (in-resident). Mr. Collins is a graduate of the 2016 cohort of the Defense Senior Leader Development Program. He is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, and he has achieved Level III Certification in Program Management, Engineering, and Test and Evaluation.

