



On March 1, 2016, Ms. Melinda K. Woods was appointed Director of the Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Program within the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy (DASD MIBP). In this role, she ensures timely availability of essential domestic industrial resources to support national

defense and homeland security requirements, and leads 30 active projects with over a half billion dollars of obligated funding.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Woods was the Assistant Director of Strategic Programs for MIBP, serving as the focal point for technical engagements and strategic projects. Ms. Woods also managed the MIBP action officer team, conducting Department of Defense (DoD) reviews of foreign investments for the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. At the Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA), Ms. Woods served as technical advisor on export licenses for electronics and information technology. Before joining DTSA, Ms. Woods worked at the Defense Intelligence Agency in several capacities, including managing a team of analysts in Mosul, Iraq while deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to her work in the DoD, Ms. Woods worked as a Product Manager for Freescale Semiconductor, a Motorola Semiconductor Products Sector divestiture, and in R&D, reliability and quality, design verification, and packaging for various

semiconductor companies. Ms. Woods received a B.S. and M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and the Georgia Institute of Technology, respectively.