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Mr. Lambert joined the US Department of Defense (DoD) in 2009 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base. Mr. Lambert served as the principal advisor to the USD (AT&L) on all matters relating to the defense industrial base, including industrial capabilities and assessments, defense industry

mergers, acquisitions and consolidation; preservation of essential industries and technologies; and other related matters. In 2011 Mr. Lambert led President Obama's effort at the Department of Defense to establish the first National Network for Manufacturing Innovation site, which culminated in the selection of additive manufacturing as the focal point for the Administration's pursuit of a manufacturing renaissance. In 2011 he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service and in 2013 he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the highest award from the Secretary available to a non-career civilian. Also in 2013, Mr. Lambert was awarded the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Gold Medal, the highest honor awarded by the industry organization which has over 1,700 corporate and 80,000 private members, for his efforts in support of the defense industrial base while in office

Prior to joining the DoD, Mr. Lambert spent 20 years working with defense and intelligence firms. From 1989 until 2007, Mr. Lambert held positions of increasing responsibility at DFI International, a national security consultancy he built with the founder and which he assisted in selling in 2007. At the conclusion of his tenure with DFI, Mr. Lambert held the titles of Executive Vice President of DFI International and Managing Director of DFI Investment Partners. He was also the company's Ethics Officer and served as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Lambert specialized in technology assessments, strategic planning, and market analyses for defense, intelligence, and space companies. His engagements assisted client's identification and quantification of new or evolving markets, described the political and business environments in which they operated, and provided execution guidance to ensure the implementation of successful ventures. Mr. Lambert also worked closely with a number of leading venture funds, merchant banks, and private equity firms in support of their national security portfolio companies.

Before joining DFI, Mr. Lambert worked for the US Department of State at the American Embassy in New Delhi. Prior to this, he attended graduate school at Jawaharlal Nehru University on a Rotary Graduate Scholarship he received during his senior year at Kansas State University. He also worked as an independent journalist in India, Pakistan and Burma.

Mr. Lambert is an avid mountaineer with high altitude experience on four continents. He lives in Chevy Chase, MD with his wife and two daughters. He also maintains the small family farm in Densmore, Kansas where he was raised by his mother and grandparents.