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Jongsun A. Kim is currently serving as the Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering in the Department of Defense (DoD).

Previously, Ms. Kim was the DoD Deputy Comptroller for Budget and Appropriations Affairs (BAA) in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), serving as the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense on matters related to Congress and Appropriations, and as the lead interface between the Department's senior leadership and Congressional Appropriations Committees.

Ms. Kim was a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), overseeing tens of billions of dollars in classified funding and activities to support the Department and Intelligence Community, prior to her appointment in BAA. She was also the lead policy advisor for Vice Chairman Warner on issues related to the Asia Pacific, advising on the implications of technology on the strategic environment, geopolitical threats, strategic trends, and regional stability. She led the Vice Chairman's efforts to provide classified briefs to the private sector on threats to U.S. technological and economic competitiveness, in partnership with the Director of National Intelligence. Ms. Kim also served as the committee designee and chief national security advisor to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, who was also Vice Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and a senior member of the Subcommittee on Defense.

Prior to joining the Senate, Ms. Kim was a policy director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where she managed the U.S. - Republic of Korea security alliance. She also worked for over seven years with the Defense Intelligence Agency. During this time, she served on the National Security Council Staff as a senior manager in the White House Situation Room, deployed to Afghanistan, and was an analyst on South and East Asia issues. She began her career in the federal government as a Defense Intelligence Scholar.

Ms. Kim worked as a social and economic policy analyst at Abt Associates, Inc.; the Governor's Aide in the New Jersey Office of the Governor; and the Assistant Comptroller for a gubernatorial campaign, prior to federal service. She holds master's degrees from Harvard University and the National Intelligence University, and a B.A. from Wellesley College. She received a certificate from Korea University's Language and Culture Center and studied abroad at the University of Edinburgh. She is the recipient of the Secretary of Defense Medals for Exceptional Public Service and the Global War on Terrorism, and the Joint Staff Medals for Civilian Service Commendation and Meritorious Unit.