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Laura Delaney is Deputy Director of the Network Security Deployment (NSD) Division within the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C) in the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD). Ms. Delaney is responsible for development, management, and operations of three, highly complex cyber security programs: National Cybersecurity Protection System (NCPS), Enhanced Cybersecurity Services (ECS) and Continuous Diagnostics and Monitoring (CDM). She is responsible for establishing, defending and executing an annual budget of approximately 740 million dollars and oversees the work of 200 federal employees and 400 contractor personnel from 35 different vendors. Under her leadership, synchronization efforts from multiple departments and agencies create a front line of cyber defense for Federal Civilian (.gov) information technology networks and infrastructure.

Ms. Delaney became the Deputy Director of NSD after serving as the Program Management and Acquisition Oversight Branch Chief. In this role, she led a team of program management analysts, information technology specialists, and engineers in the day-to-day execution of system engineering, acquisition management, and testing initiatives that supported design, development and deployment of large-scale cyber security capabilities.

Before joining DHS, Ms. Delaney was the Test and Evaluation Management Branch Chief for the Defense Information Systems Agency's Net Centric Enterprise Services Program Management Office. She was responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and implementing performance and operational test activities for a large-scale, complex Acquisition Category Level 1 Major Automated Information System titled Net Centric Enterprise (NCES). She also served as the Chief Integrator, tasked to develop a true Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) defining the interdependencies between four product lines comprising NCES capabilities and the Information Assurance, Systems Engineering, and Test and Evaluation Branches.

Prior to her work on the NCES program, Ms. Delaney supported DISA's Office of Information and Knowledge Management as both a government and contractor employee. Ms. Delaney led a team of functional analysts, programmers, testers, user support staff, and systems administrators who developed and deployed DISA's enterprise-wide information sharing portal and associated applications. Ms. Delaney also led the research and development of knowledge management strategies for the Agency.

Ms. Delaney began her career as a facilitator supporting the Department of Defense. Most sessions were held at the senior executive/flag officer level and focused on a variety of topics such as war gaming, crisis management, problem solving, alternative analysis, and process improvement. She specialized in electronic meeting facilitation using collaborative information sharing software.

Ms. Delaney holds a B.S. in Psychology from Virginia Tech and a M.S. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University.