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Mr. Marlan Macklin is the Deputy Principal Director for FutureG within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)). The FutureG office guides U.S. Department of Defense research, funding, and execution of programs that develop warfighting capabilities leveraging 5G and future generation wireless technologies. As the Deputy Principal Director, Mr. Macklin is responsible for ensuring strategic alignment, providing program execution oversight, and overseeing budget execution.

Prior to joining OUSD(R&E), Mr. Macklin served in the U.S. Mission to NATO (USNATO) as Chief of the Communications & Electronics Division (CED) and Deputy to the Director for Armaments, Communications & Electronics. He oversaw efforts and personnel coordinating U.S. representation in senior NATO committees supporting command, control, and communications capabilities and NATO policy development. The directorate provided technical and political-military advice to U.S. Ambassador to NATO, the Secretary of Defense Representative to Europe, and senior Department of Defense leadership for equities including acquisition, C3, innovation, and Emerging Disruptive Technologies. Mr. Macklin also responsible for aiding U.S. industry in their pursuit of business opportunities with NATO.

Mr. Macklin served as a Country Programs Manager in the International Cooperation Directorate of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) (OUSD(A&S)), formerly OUSD (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics). He advanced complex international cooperative research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) activities with Allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific and Middle East. Mr. Macklin advised the USD(A&S) and DoD leadership on international cooperative acquisition programs, negotiated international RDT&E agreements, addressed Congressional inquiries related to international acquisition programs, and worked with defense industry and think tanks to further U.S. defense industrial base interests. During the pandemic, he also served as the OUSD(A&S) representative on the DoD COVID-19 Task Force supporting DoD's contributions to domestic and international COVID-19 response activities.

During his time in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports & Cooperation, Mr. Macklin oversaw and advised on international security cooperation activities including Foreign Military Sales, security assistance policy, armaments cooperation, defense technology transfers, and foreign disclosures. Throughout his career, he held positions in other U.S. Army acquisition organizations including the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical; the Communications-Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command; and the Army Materiel Command.

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