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NEW CIO JOINS THE ODNI

Ms. Priscilla Guthrie began work at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) this week as Associate Director of National Intelligence and Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer (CIO). Guthrie, a former Deputy CIO at the Department of Defense, will help lead the Intelligence Community's (IC) strategy to strengthen sharing, integration and management of information across 16 intelligence agencies.

"Priscilla's skill in IT and background in management of a large organization well qualify her to further advance our information-sharing goals," said Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair. "Her prior experience in information management issues unique to national security brings additional strength to this challenge. I look forward to working closely with her and to her contributions to the Intelligence Community."

The CIO's office is responsible for establishing common information technology standards across the Intelligence Community and for directing and managing all IT related procurement for the IC. The CIO is also tasked with developing IT architecture to support information sharing policies and objectives throughout the Intelligence Community.

Before joining the ODNI, Guthrie was the Director of the Information Technology and Systems Division of the Institute for Defense Analyses, a non-profit corporation that administers three federally funded research and development centers to provide objective analyses of national security issues.

From 2001 to 2006, Guthrie served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and Deputy Chief Information Officer at the Department of Defense where she was responsible for information support to deployed forces. Prior to her position at the Pentagon, Guthrie was a Vice President at TRW, Inc., where she established and led a small, global unit responsible for driving new IT technology into the company's business.

Guthrie was nominated to this position by President Obama on March 20, 2009, and confirmed by the United States Senate on May 21, 2009. She holds a B.S. from Pennsylvania State University and an M.B.A. from Marymount College.

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