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Ms. Ratcliff is currently the Director of International Manufacturing & Innovation within the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy (ODASD(MIBP)). During her tenure in OSD, she has focused on building strong interagency partnerships to address broad transition of manufacturing issues such as manufacturing readiness and the Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise. Most recently, as director of the Manufacturing Technology Program, Ms. Ratcliff led the effort to establish the DOD-led national Manufacturing Innovation Institutes (MIIs) outlined in the 2013 State of the Union address. Those included AmericaMakes, Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow (LIFT), the Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation (DMDI) Institute, the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics (AIM Photonics), NextFlex, Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA), the Advanced Tissue Biofabrication Institute (ATB), and Robots in Manufacturing Environments (RIME). Ms. Ratcliff has a long acquisition career, including Program Manager for the congressionally mandated Defense Acquisition Challenge Program, Deputy Program Manager for the Foreign Comparative Test Program, and more than eleven years in Air Force Test and Evaluation at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.