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Ms. Deborah Olson is the Joint Project Lead for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Special Operations Forces (SOF) at the Capability Program Executive for CBRN Defense (CPE CBRND). In this position, she is responsible for the development, fielding, and modernization of CBRN Defense capabilities for Joint Special Operations Forces.

Ms. Olson began her career supporting the Marine Corps as an Analyst for I-R Technologies, providing strategic program and integration planning for the Global Combat Support Systems implementation and integration objectives. From 2005-2008, Ms. Olson served in roles of increasing responsibility for the Marine Corps Enterprise Information Technology Services program, culminating with her role as Program Manager.

Ms. Olson previously served as Deputy Program Manager (DPM) for Information Systems and Infrastructure delivering an integrated set of unique information technology capabilities and ensuring the effective acquisition, development, and sustainment of Information Systems. She served as DPM for Combat Support Systems, responsible for the total lifecycle management of a diverse portfolio of systems. Ms. Olson also served as the PM for Engineer Systems, successfully managing portfolio of 138 programs.

In 2021, Ms. Olson was chartered as the JPM for CBRN Protection at JPEO-CBRND where she was responsible for the development, fielding, sustainment, and modernization of 90 CBRN protection and hazard mitigation programs for the Joint Forces.

In 2022, Ms. Olson accepted a Key Leadership Position as Deputy Portfolio Manager of the Logistics Combat Element Systems, a portfolio comprised of more than 400 Marines, Sailors, civil servants, and contractors in five Program Management Offices, with managed assets valued at \$10B, charged with approximately 280 programs with a \$1B average annual budget and a programmed \$6.3B Future Year Defense Budget.

Ms. Olson is a native of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Administration and a Master of Science in Information Technology from Loughborough University of Technology. She holds a Level III Program Management certification from the Defense Acquisition University. Her personal awards include the 2021 Secretary of the Navy Program Manager of the Year, ACAT II/III; USMC 2020 Donald Roebling Award for Acquisition Innovation and Excellence; Department of the Navy Commendation for Superior Civilian Service (2021); Department of the Navy Civilian Meritorious Service Medal (2016); Department of the Navy IM/IT Excellence Award (2011); and Commander's Excellence in Information Technology Award (2007).