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Kristen Kulinowski Returns to IDA as Science and Technology Policy Institute Director

ALEXANDRIA, VA (May 2020) – Kristen Kulinowski assumed duties today as the director of the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA).

“Kulinowski brings to the position considerable expertise and is well regarded in research, academia, and policy,” said IDA President and CEO Norton A. Schwartz. “I am so pleased to have her assume her new role at IDA and lead STPI, one of IDA’s three Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs).”

Since 2015, Kulinowski has been a Senate-confirmed member of U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and she served as the board’s interim executive authority for the last two years. She also previously worked at Rice University where she held several roles, including Director of International Council on Nanotechnology, Executive Director of the Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology, and Instructor of Chemistry. Before that, she was a Congressional Science Policy Fellow.

Kulinowski served as a research staff member at IDA’s STPI from 2011 to 2015. She led multidisciplinary teams and served as STPI’s liaison to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. She replaces Mark Taylor who had been acting director of STPI since September 2019.

Kulinowski has held various membership and leadership roles in the American Chemical Society, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the Materials Research Society, ASTM International, and SPIE.

She earned a doctoral degree in 1995 and a master’s degree in 1992, both in chemistry from the University of Rochester. She earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry with honors from Canisius College in 1990.

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