



### **Neal Orringer: Department of Defense**

Mr. Orringer was appointed in 2010 to the Office of Industrial Policy, now called Manufacturing & Industrial Base Policy (MIBP). As Director of Manufacturing, he supports efforts to ensure manufacturing capabilities are reliable, cost-effective, and sufficient to meet Department of Defense requirements.

The Director oversees the Department's Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) portfolio, comprised of separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Defense Logistics Agency, and "Defense-Wide" programs, collectively budgeted at approximately \$200 million annually. Established in 1956, ManTech invests in technology solutions to reduce weapon systems' costs and technical risks throughout a program's lifespan.

The Director also oversees the Defense Production Act Committee (DPAC) staff and manages the revolving Defense Production Act (DPA) Fund. The Director thus coordinates manufacturing initiatives involving several federal Departments and agencies, including the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Commerce, Energy, and Agriculture. Under Title III of the DPA, the Director manages a portfolio of multi-agency projects totaling approximately \$800 million to expand productive capacity through industry retrofits, machine tool acquisitions, or wholesale factory construction, to meet needs that are essential to national defense.

Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Orringer served for 12 years on Capitol Hill, including most recently, as a senior staff member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs. In this capacity, he managed the Committee's national security and industrial policy portfolio, which includes federal aid to industry, foreign investment in the United States, export controls and promotion, economic sanctions and credit access for U.S. manufacturers. While on the Committee staff, he drafted and negotiated numerous pieces of legislation on behalf of the Committee Chairman, including:

- The 2007 Foreign Investment & National Security Act, reforming the *CFIUS* process;
- The International Emergency Economic Powers Enhancement Act, improving U.S. sanctions and export enforcement;
- The Auto Industry Financing & Restructuring Act, setting the stage for federal equity ownership and TARP assistance to GM and Chrysler; and
- The 2009 Defense Production Act (DPA) Reauthorization, modernizing tools for government mobilization of industry.

Previously, Mr. Orringer served as legislative assistant to Senator Chris Dodd on military, manufacturing, foreign investment, and trade matters. Before that assignment, he also staffed Senators Jean Carnahan and Mary Landrieu on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Prior to his government service, he worked in management consulting field at Towers Perrin. Mr. Orringer holds a masters degree from Georgetown University in national security studies and a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University in politics and economics.