

## **Melissa Smislova**

### **Acting Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Department of Homeland Security**

Melissa Smislova currently serves as the Acting Under Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis. In this capacity, she oversees I&A, acts as the Chief Intelligence Officer for DHS, and heads one of the 18 Intelligence Community entities.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Smislova served as the Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence Enterprise Readiness; leading all Intelligence support and enabling functions, to include several large data analytic projects, management of DHS's secure IT systems, DHS Intelligence Policy, Budget, Human Capital, Training, Privacy Compliance, and Intelligence Collection Management. She has been an intelligence professional within the Intelligence Community since 1985, and with DHS since 2004. At I&A, she held the positions of Director of Human Capital Division, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Enterprise Mission Support, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Analysis, and Senior Advisor for the Homeland for the Director of National Intelligence. She was acting Deputy Under Secretary for Analysis during DHS's first presidential transition from January to October 2009. She helped create DHS's Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center (HITRAC) and was the Director of HITRAC from 2007 until 2009.

Prior to her assignment at DHS, Ms. Smislova worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency. For twelve of her nineteen years at DIA, she studied North Korea's military.

She received the DHS Award for Excellence in 2008. She received two National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citations and the National Intelligence Medal of Achievement for her work on North Korea. As a member of a small team, she received the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) 1998 Killian Award for work on North Korea.

Ms. Smislova was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in February 2007. She resides in Silver Spring, Maryland with her husband and has two adult daughters.