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NSC Executive Director

Maren is currently the Executive Director of the NSC, and responsible for:

- Driving the formulation, approval, and execution of NSC's strategic vision and goals
- Serving as the primary interface with NSC government sponsors
- Supporting NSC members
- Overseeing consortium operations on a day-to-day basis

Maren has deep experience in the DOD and the Congress, and has been involved with prototype development and transition from numerous stakeholder perspectives. She has spent almost half of the last 15 years serving as a senior advisor to the nation's most senior military officials, including the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and two Vice Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She was a Professional Staff Member on the Armed Services Committee, and a senior Congressional staff member at a bicameral, bipartisan national defense-focused Caucus. Most recently, she served as a senior staff member at the John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, where she focused on analysis and prototyping for Defense Department sponsors related to information technology (IT) architectures and modern software design and practices. Maren also led and supported defense-related policy analyses at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and at the RAND Corporation.

Maren received her Ph.D. in quantitative analysis from the RAND Graduate School, and her A.B. in Political Science from Occidental College. She has served as an adjunct professor at the US Naval Academy and Georgetown School of Foreign Service, and as a member and acting Chair of the Naval Postgraduate School/Naval War College Board of Advisors.
