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Mr. Robert (Bob) P. Burns is currently the Deputy Director of the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate (S&T). He joined HSARPA in December 2007. Prior to this role, he served as the Director of the Apex Technology Engines, managing resources technical direction of the program as well as HSARPA's Business Community Outreach initiatives.

Mr. Burns was previously the Director for the Apex AEER (Air Entry/Exit Re-Engineering) Project from February 2013 until December 2014. He led S&T in a partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to enhance both air entry and exit processes by developing recommended approaches and implementing technologies for use in existing airport inspecting and examination operations for travelers entering the U.S. Additionally, he was the program management for the Future Attributes Screening Technology Mobile Module program designed to develop innovative, non-invasive technologies to screen people at special events, transportation checkpoints, and other secure areas.

Prior to his position at S&T, Mr. Burns spent over 18 years with American Systems Corporation, ending his tenure as the Director of the Weapons and Combat Systems Directorate. In this role, he managed a portfolio of multi-million dollar programs focused on weapons research and development for several government organizations including the Department of Defense. He received a B.S in General Engineering from the U.S Naval Academy and served in the U.S. Navy for 5 years.