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Mr. André J. Gudger was appointed as the Director for the Department of Defense Office of Small Business Programs in March 2011. Mr. Gudger serves as the principal advisor and staff to the Secretary of Defense on small business related matters.

Mr. Gudger's career expands over 17 years in the defense, intelligence, and investment banking industries. Previously, Mr. Gudger worked on key technical and financial initiatives with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Union Bank of Switzerland, and AT&T.

From 2003 to 2009, André served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Solvern Innovations, a corporate entity that provided acquisition support and cyber solutions through training, unique research and sponsored product innovation. During this period, Solvern Innovations provided software development and commercialization through technology transfer to the Human Computer Interaction Lab at the University of Maryland College Park. In 2003, Mr. Gudger was presented

the Granville T. Woods Award for Innovation from The National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals. In 2009, Solver Innovations was acquired by Telecommunication Systems, Inc. where Mr. Gudger served as the senior vice president of Telecommunication Systems Inc. cyber intelligence division.

Mr. Gudger served on several boards throughout the region, including the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, the Maryland BRAC Small & Minority Business Advisory Board, and the Cyber Advisory Council. In addition, he served as the senior executive of the Art of Exploitation University a Cyber Center of Excellence, the architect of the Computer Network Operations Training and Scientific Development program delivering services to the Department of Defense, and as the telecommunications systems program director for the National Cryptologic School, Center for Business Management, Acquisition, and Systems Engineering.

André received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He received his Master in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he had the opportunity to study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Tec de Monterrey in Mexico, Fundacao Vargus University in Brazil, and Gdansk University in Poland.