

John Conger

Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment



Mr. John Conger is Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment. He was appointed on December 20th, 2014 after the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy merged with the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. Previously, he was the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment from September 14, 2012 to December 19, 2014. He also served as the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment from June 22, 2009-September 13, 2012.

In this position, he provides budgetary, policy and management oversight over the DoD's \$850 billion real property portfolio, which encompasses more than 500 installations, 500,000 buildings and structures, and 28 million acres. He conducts oversight of the Department's implementation of the planning and program activities related to Operational Energy. He manages the Department's Base Realignment and Closure activities for domestic installations and facility consolidation and realignment efforts overseas; develops policy to improve facility energy efficiency, increase renewable energy use on U.S. installations and operations, and promote energy security; and manages environmental compliance, conservation and clean-up programs. Mr. Conger is the Department's designated Senior Real Property Officer.

Prior to his appointment in DoD, Mr. Conger served on the staff of Representative Chet Edwards, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, where he served as Legislative Director and principal advisor on defense, veterans, and foreign policy issues. In addition to his work supporting Rep. Edwards' military construction initiatives, his efforts focused on Army force structure and policy, military quality of life, military retiree benefits, veterans health care funding, and nuclear nonproliferation. He also served as staff for the House Army Caucus, which Edwards co-chaired. For his work in support of military service members, retirees, and their families, Mr. Conger received the Military Order of the Purple Heart Special Recognition Award, the Military Coalition Freedom Award, and the Military Officers Association of America Col. Paul W. Arcari Meritorious Service Award.

In his previous tenure on Capitol Hill, he served as Professional Staff for the House International Relations Committee and as defense staff for Representatives Jane Harman and Sam Gejdenson. Previously, Mr. Conger was employed in the private sector as an aerospace engineer and defense analyst supporting the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

He holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.A. in Science, Technology and Public Policy from the George Washington University.