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André J. Gudger currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy (MIBP). In this role Mr. Gudger is responsible for ensuring a robust, secure, resilient, and innovative industrial base to meet the needs of the Department of Defense. Mr. Gudger supports the Office of the Secretary of Defense by providing detailed analyses and in-depth understanding of the increasingly global, commercial, and financially complex industrial supply chain essential to our national defense, and recommending or taking appropriate actions to maintain the health, integrity and technical superiority of that supply chain.

Prior to this role, Mr. Gudger served as the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs. In this role, Mr. Gudger served as the principle advisor to the Secretary of Defense on all small business matters, overseeing more than \$120 billion of annual awards to small business. During Mr. Gudger's tenure the Department of Defense met its small business prime contracting goal and its Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business goal for the first time in history.

Previously, Mr. Gudger worked on key technical and financial initiatives with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Union Bank of Switzerland, and AT&T. From 2003-2009, Mr. Gudger served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Solvern Innovations, a corporate entity which provided acquisition support and cyber solutions through training, research, and innovation. Mr. Gudger currently serves 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.

Mr. Gudger received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore County and his Master in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.