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As Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (DASD/C-WMD), Dr. Wendin D. Smith is responsible for establishing policy and guidance to protect U.S. and Allied forces against chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attack from state or terrorist actors, as well as for preventing and countering global trafficking in WMD. As part of the C-WMD portfolio, she is responsible for policies aimed at helping partner countries build capacity in WMD defense and countermeasures. She also represents the Department's interests on counter proliferation and non-proliferation policy issues, including the Biological Weapons Convention, Chemical Weapons Convention, Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as well as on the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.



Prior to her appointment as the DASD/C-WMD, Dr. Smith led strategic initiatives in defense and national security at the Scitor Corporation, to include initiatives such as unmanned systems, C-WMD, energy security, and related science and technology areas. Previously, at Booz Allen Hamilton, she supported Cooperative Threat Reduction programs for the Department's Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), including service as the contractor lead for the Biological Threat Reduction Program (now Cooperative Biological Engagement Program), and as project manager for the Strategic Offensive Arms Elimination program. She also supported several programs within the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration, to include the Second Line of Defense and Materials Protection Control & Accounting programs. Dr. Smith has also founded and operated two woman-owned consultancies, providing services in strategic planning, international market development, and regulatory compliance to clients in energy security, nuclear energy, as well as nonproliferation and arms control. In the mid- and late-1990s, while living in Moscow, Russia, Dr. Smith served as Director of the U.S. Information Agency's (USIA/USIS) American Center, and supported educational exchange programs under the Freedom Support Act.

Dr. Smith, a graduate of Dartmouth College, received her Ph.D. and Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where she focused on International Security Studies and International Environment and Resource Policy. As an alumna, she was invited to serve on The Fletcher School's Board of Advisors. She has also served as the Co-Director, appointed by the College of Science, for George Mason University's Center for Energy Science and Policy (CESP).

Dr. Smith spent several years on exchange programs studying in Moscow, Russia (then-USSR), and at sea with the Sea Education Association, in cooperation with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She has lectured on and published in, national security, nonproliferation, environmental security, combating WMD, and related fields. Dr. Smith is fluent in Russian and conversational in German.