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Prior to joining the DoD, Lambert spent 20 years working with defense and intelligence firms. From 1989 until 2007, Lambert held positions of increasing responsibility at DFI International, a national security consultancy. At the conclusion of his tenure with DFI, Lambert held the titles of Executive Vice President of DFI International and Managing Director of DFI Investment Partners.

Before joining DFI, Lambert worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development at the American Embassy in New Delhi, India. He attended graduate school at Jawaharlal Nehru University on a Rotary Graduate Scholarship he received during his senior year at Kansas State University. He also worked as an independent journalist in India, Pakistan, and Burma. Before his time in Asia, Lambert served in the Political-Military Group at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.