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Dr. Michael D. Griffin is the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. He is the Department's Chief Technology Officer, responsible for research, development, and prototyping activities across the Department of Defense (DoD) enterprise and is mandated with ensuring technological superiority for the DoD.

Dr. Griffin has held executive positions in the Federal Government and industry including Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Schafer Corporation, NASA Administrator, Space Department Head at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, President and Chief Operating Officer of In-Q-Tel, CEO of Magellan Systems, and EVP/General Manager of Orbital ATK's Space Systems Group.

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Dr. Griffin obtained his B.A. in Physics from the Johns Hopkins University. He holds master's degrees in aerospace science from Catholic University, electrical engineering from the University of Southern California, applied physics from Johns Hopkins, civil engineering from George Washington University, and business administration from Loyola University. He received his Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from the University of Maryland, and has been recognized with honorary doctoral degrees from Florida Southern College and the University of Notre Dame.