

Bob Kolasky

Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Infrastructure Protection

Bob Kolasky was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Infrastructure Protection on June 15, 2015. As Deputy, he assists the Assistant Secretary in leading the coordinated national efforts to reduce the risk to the nation's critical infrastructures posed by acts of terrorism, and to strengthen national preparedness, timely response, and rapid recovery in the event of an attack, natural disaster, or other emergency. In this role he manages four Divisions, the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center and Strategy and Policy with a \$259M budget for the Office of Infrastructure Protection.

Prior to serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bob Kolasky served as the Director of Strategy and Policy for the Office of Infrastructure Protection, where he led strategic planning, performance management and budgeting for the organization. In addition, he led initiatives on behalf of the Assistant Secretary to help IP achieve organizational priorities, including IP's activities to enhance its capabilities to integrate cyber and physical risk management efforts with critical infrastructure owners and operators, and approach to improve infrastructure resilience in the face of terrorism, extreme weather and other risks. Among his efforts was work to institutionalize a set of Infrastructure Resilience Guidelines into national policy and efforts to work with the critical infrastructure community to develop a set of National Priorities for critical infrastructure security and resilience. Mr. Kolasky also served on the National Protection and Programs Directorate's Mission Integration Cell, a senior-level body tasked to develop a cross-component strategy to make NPPD an operational component.

Previously, he served as Director of DHS Cyber-Physical Critical Infrastructure Integrated Task Force to implement Presidential Policy Directive 21 on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience, as well as Executive Order 13636 on Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity. In this role, he was responsible for leading the delivery of the Department's requirements to the White House, including the update to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan and the growth of voluntary partnerships to support cyber security risk management and information sharing.

Mr. Kolasky previously served as the Assistant Director in the Office of Risk Management Analysis at DHS where he was responsible for developing policies and processes to enable risk-informed strategic decisions by DHS. In addition, he led the conduct of the first ever Strategic National Risk Assessment, in partnership with FEMA, as part of the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8. He has also supported program development for the DHS Secretary's Operational Integration Staff (I-STAFF).

Mr. Kolasky joined the Federal government in 2008 after six years as a management consultant. He graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School in 2002. While at the Kennedy School, Mr. Kolasky concentrated on Business and Government Policy and Microeconomics. Prior to attending HKS, Mr. Kolasky was a journalist and an entrepreneur. He helped start two of the first public policy sites on the Internet and served as the Managing Editor for IntellectualCapital.com.

Mr. Kolasky graduated from Dartmouth College in 1994. He lives in Washington, D.C with his wife, Carrie, and three children, Reese, Tom and Teddy.