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Michael (Mike) Shannon is a partner and President of Government Solutions for IPTalons, a Dallas, Texas based consulting and managed services company where he works closely with Universities, Federal and State agencies, and corporations to identify and address risk to resources and reputations, research security, and stewardship rigor of publicly funded awards. Most recently, he served in the Federal Senior Executive Service as the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of Management Assessment (OMA), within the Office of the Director NIH. As the chief risk, compliance, audit, and investigative officer for NIH Mike built investigations, enterprise risk, and internal control programs for the nearly 40 billion in research program funds NIH administered. He was on the charter senior advisory group and served on an executive committee member for the formation and initiation of the FBI, National Counterintelligence Task Force (NCITF).

Mike spent many years as a Deputy Inspector General for the Department of the Army inspecting and investigating many sensitive subjects (e.g., Detainee operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, Arlington National Cemetery, Soldier Mental Health, and more), he led oversight and accountability for the DoD Education Activity and developed the newly appointed Office of the Inspector General for DoDEA. He is highly skilled in detention and confinement standards, having served as the Deputy Director for standards and accreditation with the American Correctional Association, Deputy Director for U.S. Army Corrections, and Detainee Program Manager as a Civil Servant. He served 23 years in the USAF and retired as a Counterintelligence Reserve Officer in the intelligence and policy directorates (J2/J5), Joint Chiefs of Staff. He has been a senior advisor on policy, operations, intelligence collection, open-source analysis of foreign activity excelling at counter exploitation and countermeasure development. His task force memberships, global accomplishments, awards, and strategic impact on U.S. policy are numerous. As an expert in public policy he has developed, written, and promulgated countless government and organizational policies on many important and sensitive topics. He holds a Master of Policy Management (MPM) from Georgetown University, a Master of Public Administration (MPA), and a certificate in Forensic Accounting. He is a proven specialist in human and organizational behavior and performance particularly in risk management, compliance, and oversight, internal controls and investigations addressing fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct. Mike is a tried and proven effective leader who inspires loyalty, best effort, and satisfaction from his teams while consistently delivering effective outcomes.