



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



### LESLIE S. PERKINS

Dr. Leslie Perkins is the Deputy Chief Technology Officer for the AF Information Dominance & CIO (SAF/CIO A6). Leslie is responsible for identify and review best-in-class technologies and practices to satisfy missions and requirements. She is responsible to inform AF strategies to address information dominance issues & concerns. Dr. Perkins coordinates with USAF MAJCOMs, Centers, Laboratories, Wings, Groups, Department of Defense organizations, and industrial partners.

Prior to her current assignment, Dr. Leslie Perkins was the Director of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Energy Office. Leslie developed AFRL Energy strategy, coordinated science and technology endeavors across AFRL disciplines, and advocated the AFRL Energy S&T portfolio to AF, Department of Defense, Federal leadership at all levels.

Leslie previously served as the Technical Advisor for the Plans and Programs Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory. She was responsible for the AFRL Investment Strategy, Strategic Planning, and Strategic Alliances. Leslie directed corporate integrated planning and programming to ensure effective solutions development for warfighters' needs. Dr. Perkins developed the strategic messaging AFRL uses with senior leadership within Air Force, Department of Defense, Federal and international partners.

Leslie served as the AFRL Micro Air Vehicles Lead, responsible for coordinating the research, development, test and evaluation efforts within the Air Force Research Laboratory Technology Directorates, the logistics and operational communities within the Air Force, other Defense organizations, Federal Agencies and international partners.

Leslie began her career as a National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at the US Air Force Phillips Laboratory investigating novel rocket propellants for space applications. She entered civil service in 1997 as a physical scientist in the Rocket Propulsion and has held scientist and program management positions.

## **EDUCATION**

1988 - Bachelor of Science, Chemistry: University of New Orleans, New Orleans LA

1994 - Ph.D., Physical Chemistry: Iowa State University, Ames IA

2007 - Air War College (correspondence)

2013 – Federal Executive Institute Leadership for a Democratic Society

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. October 1994 – August 1997, National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow, Phillips Laboratory, Edwards AFB California
2. September 1997 - September 2000, Assistant Chief Scientist, Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate, Edwards AFB California
3. October 2000 – June 2005, Program Manager Software Applications Support, DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program Office, Arlington Virginia
4. June 2005 – January 2009, Deputy Director, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Computational Science and Engineering Office, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio
5. November 2008 – June 2011, Air Force Research Laboratory Micro Air Vehicles Program Lead, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio
6. July 2011 – June 2014, Technical Advisor, Plans and Programs Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio.
7. June 2014 – July 2016, Director, Energy Office, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio
8. August 2016 – present, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, Air Force Information Dominance and CIO, Arlington VA

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2014 – Exemplary Civilian Service Award

2005 - Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence

Numerous Performance Awards

Special Act/Service Awards

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering, Level III

Program Management, Level II