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Ms. Kelli Seybolt is the Director of International Affairs and Foreign Policy Advisor for the US Coast Guard. She is the Coast Guard Senior Leadership's key policy advisor on the complete range of agency activities related to international affairs and engagement. She is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing agency strategy, policy and programs relating to Coast Guard international activities. She establishes agency-wide goals and objectives for Coast Guard international activities and engages international partners directly to advance these in support of National Strategy.



Ms Seybolt is a 20 plus year member of the Federal Civil Service with broad experience in public, interagency, and international affairs. She began her career as a Presidential Management Intern at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

Ms. Seybolt served as the External Affairs Officer for the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System Integrated Program Office. She was responsible for public, interagency and congressional affairs, and the establishment and maintenance of international partnerships for the Presidentially-directed program that converged civil and defense environmental satellite requirements. Subsequently, she served as a senior advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Plans and Policy in the Pentagon where she was responsible for development of international space cooperation strategies, USAF policy on orbital debris, and oversight of space cooperation with civil and international partners.

As the Chief for International Space Cooperation within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs, Ms. Seybolt led negotiations of a ~\$6B Memorandum of Understanding for the joint acquisition of the Wideband Global Satellite communications system, which has increased interoperable communications capability for both the US warfighter and a major strategic ally.

She was promoted into the Senior Executive Service in 2010 and assumed the position of the Director of Strategy, Operations and Resources, International Affairs, Pentagon. In this capacity she was responsible for the development and execution of the AF Global Partnership Strategy and the first ever Air Force Security Cooperation Engagement Strategy providing strategic direction for building international partnerships. She also provided oversight for the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution of the \$100M plus portfolio of Operations and Maintenance, RDT&E, and Foreign Military Sales budgets to support the Security Cooperation community and US national security objectives.