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Abigail Desjardins serves as the Director of the Venture Portfolio at the National Security Innovation Network (NSIN) and is the Deputy Chief of the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) Global Partnerships Team. Abigail is a GS-15/DB-04 ARL Civilian assigned to NSIN, a program office under the DIU. In her role, Abigail is responsible for providing strategic direction and oversight of all program development, execution, resource development and planning for any NSIN programs and services that fall within the

Venture Portfolio mission. Additionally, she works within DIU to build out the International Engagement Strategy and is the DIU lead for AUKUS Pillar 2 activities.

Her prior experience includes over 20 years of problem identification and novel solution development in the defense and national security innovation sectors. Abigail is a transformative leader and strategic thinker, she is results-driven, specializing in strategic and operational planning and execution, business development, and customer success management. Her portfolio of prior experiences includes problem identification and novel solution development in the defense and national security innovation sectors.

Abigail has an undergraduate degree in International Relations from American University and a Masters in Applied Social Psychology and Program Evaluation from Claremont Graduate University. A native of Rochester, NY she currently resides with her family in Falls Church, VA.