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Brian Burton serves as Senior Advisor for International and Industry Engagement in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy. His portfolio covers issues at the intersection of international cooperation and industry outreach, including AUKUS implementation and support to the Ukrainian defense industrial base. From 2015 to 2023, Brian held several business development, strategy, and government relations roles for The Boeing Company, most recently as international business development lead for Airborne Early Warning & Control (AEW&C) systems in Europe. During his career at Boeing, he worked extensively with governments and industries around the world, including in Australia, Japan, Israel, France, and Poland, as well as with NATO.

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Early in his career Brian was a research fellow at the Center for New American Security, where his research focused on defense strategy and force planning. Originally from San Diego, CA, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Stanford University and a Master of Arts in security studies from Georgetown University. He is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.