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Dr. Robin Staffin is the Director for Basic Research in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Laboratories and Basic Sciences. He assumed this position on June 9, 2008.

As Director for Basic Research, he determines policy and exercises oversight for science and technology programs of the military services and

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Previously, Dr. Staffin served as Associate Director of Science for High Energy Physics at the Department of Energy, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Development in DOE's Office of Defense Programs, where he managed the experimental facilities portfolio for the Nation's Stockpile Stewardship program. During the period 1998-2001, he directly advised the Secretary of Energy, first as Senior Policy Advisor for Science and Technology, and later as Senior Policy Advisor for National Security.

From 1993-1996, Dr. Staffin was Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, with a primary focus on nuclear weapons policy, stockpile stewardship, and nonproliferation.

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