

Transportation Security Lab (TSL) Deputy Director

ACC Security Capabilities Workshop



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FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

- Signed into law on October 5, 2018. Included provision that TSA review with S&T whether or not the TSA is, in fact, the most appropriate DHS component to administer the TSL.
- TSA and DHS's S&T Directorate conducted a joint analysis to review the operational and administrative control of TSL.
- Leadership at TSA recommended the creation of a TSA Deputy Director at the TSL to improve mission alignment and to focus on improving TSL's prioritization of work, stabilization of funding profile, and communications (external (industry), and internal (between TSA and S&T)).



TSL Deputy Director Role

Mission alignment: The TSA's TSL Deputy Director serves as the primary liaison between TSA and S&T to ensure the areas of improvement are addressed.

- Prioritization of Work – S&T's MCS Portfolio Manager is responsible for customer interactions between S&T and DHS components. The Deputy Director will work closely with the S&T Portfolio Manager to ensure TSL addresses TSA's field deployed, near field-ready, and acquisition related test & evaluation needs.
- Stabilization of Funding - The TSL Deputy Director will **liaison with industry partners**, S&T's Office of National Laboratories, and TSA's product leads to ensure TSL's annual budget supports both TSA's present acquisition needs and TSA's need to further mature existing and next generation screening technologies.



TSL Deputy Director Role (cont'd)

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- Communications (Internal) – TSL's Deputy Director will coordinate across the various TSA stakeholders to ensure TSA product specific acquisition and technology maturation needs are documented and prioritized at the TSL and to standardize the process for TSA requesting RDT&E support from the TSL.
- Communications (External) – TSL's Deputy Director will **serve as a conduit and gatekeeper for industry solutions** and will specifically focus on:
 - Leading marketing efforts to bring in new technologies and support maturation of the technologies to meet TSA and other DHS component requirements.
 - Investigating alternate contracting vehicles (bailment agreements, CRADAs, etc...) to ensure industry can bring their solutions to the TSL in a timely manner.
 - Developing an approval process for sharing TSA documentation with industry to further facilitate an understanding of the overall T&E processes.



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