



**The Honorable Nickolas H. Guertin
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Hon. Nickolas H. Guertin was sworn in as Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) in 2021. A Presidential appointee confirmed by the United States Senate, he serves as the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense on operational and live fire test and evaluation of Department of Defense weapon systems. DOT&E provides direct and independent reporting to Congress to give them unbiased, unvarnished assessments of system performance.

Mr. Guertin has an extensive four-decade combined military and civilian career in submarine operations; ship construction and maintenance; development and testing of weapons, sensors, combat management products including the improvement of systems engineering; and defense acquisition. Most recently, he has performed applied research for government and academia in software-reliant and cyber-physical systems at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute.