



## Kenneth B. Handelman

### Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs (GSA)



**CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS:** Ken Handelman was assigned as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs (GSA) in April 2009. In this capacity he supports the Assistant Secretary for GSA in overseeing policy development and execution in the areas of combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), U.S. nuclear weapons, missile defense, and DoD space and cyber activities.

**PAST EXPERIENCE:** From December 2006 – April 2009, Ken Handelman served as Principal Director for Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation and Global Threats, supervising policy development for DoD's counternarcotics and counterproliferation policy efforts. From March 2007 – April 2009 Mr. Handelman served concurrently as Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Security Affairs where he helped manage the workflow of over 700 personnel on issues including partnership strategy, detainee affairs, security assistance, and technology security. From September 2005 – December 2006, Ken Handelman served as Principal Director for the Office of Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction and Negotiations Policy where he oversaw policy development on threat reduction, chemical-biological defense, WMD interdiction and non-proliferation. From August 2001 – August 2005, Mr. Handelman served as Principal Director for Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation, helping to oversee some 230 personnel, with responsibility for over \$400 million in annual appropriations and nearly \$20 million in operating funds. From January 2000 – December 2001, Mr. Handelman served as Deputy Director for Plans in the Office of Requirements and Plans where he helped direct civilian oversight of Combatant Commanders' war plans, as well as development of the Contingency Planning Guidance, Unified Command Plan and Forces For Unified Commands guidance documents. From February 1997 – January 2000 Mr. Handelman was Special Assistant for Programs and Legislation to the Under Secretary for Policy where he coordinated the legislative, fiscal and program activities of the Policy organization and handled a range of sensitive organization matters including implementation of the 1997 OSD reorganization. From May 1995 – January 1997 Mr. Handelman was a Foreign Affairs Specialist in the OUSD(P) Office of Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Assistance, where he was responsible for policy and logistics oversight of Mideast peacekeeping operations, intelligence-sharing with the UN and reform of UN military management. From April 1987 – January 1995, Mr. Handelman was Legislative Assistant and Legislative Director for Senator Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio. Mr. Handelman was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, and the DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award.



**EDUCATION:** Mr. Handelman holds Bachelor of Arts (1985) and Master of International Affairs (1986) degrees from Columbia University. He also holds a Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law at American University (1994).