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Dr. Frank Turner is the Technical Director for the Space Development Agency. SDA is recognized as the Department of Defense's constructive disruptor for space acquisition. SDA will quickly deliver much needed space-based capabilities to the joint warfighter to support terrestrial missions through development, fielding, and operation of the Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture.



Dr. Turner has extensive public and private sector experience in the management and direction of advanced technology research, development, test, and evaluation of current and emerging military systems. He began his career as an officer in the United States Air Force, served as a Government Program Manager and certified acquisition professional, a senior leader in industry for both large and small companies, and as a senior analyst for both the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. His expertise spans space systems, directed energy, nuclear weapons effects, systems engineering, architectures, and operational evaluation and employment. He has successfully led some of the nation's most difficult and challenging RDT&E programs, creating technical advantage for America's warfighters.

Dr. Turner has academic degrees in physics, biology, business, and engineering and has completed professional military education with the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Marine Corps.