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Mr. Mike Eppolito is the acting deputy director and chief program officer for the Space Development Agency (SDA). As part of the United States Space Force, SDA is recognized as a constructive disruptor for space acquisition. SDA will quickly deliver needed space-based capabilities to the joint warfighter to support terrestrial missions through development, fielding, and operation of the Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture (PWSA).

As acting deputy director and chief program officer, Mr. Eppolito oversees planning, development, and fielding of all programs within the PWSA. Before his selection as the chief program officer, Mr. Eppolito served as the Battle Management Cell chief and the Tranche 0 program director at SDA.



Mr. Eppolito began his career with over a decade of experience supporting the defense and intelligence communities as a contractor specializing in sensor technology, processing techniques, tasking, and collection mechanisms, for both airborne and spaceborne imaging systems. In those roles, he provided direct support to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and National Reconnaissance Office, and spent seven and a half months in Afghanistan as an airborne mission commander during Operation Enduring Freedom. Mr. Eppolito went on to serve in a variety of project management roles for Exelis, Inc., Harris Corporation, and L3Harris Technologies, where he directed mission operations and innovation tasks at a government facility and monitored technical and financial execution of internal research and development projects. Prior to joining SDA, he managed the planning and daily execution of over 50 projects in an \$80 million research and development portfolio focused on space and intelligence systems.

Mr. Eppolito has a Bachelor of Science degree in Imaging Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology.