

Dr. Christine (Chris) Michienzi is a former senior government executive with extensive national and international leadership experience. Her strategic advice and counsel are regularly sought on issues relating to global supply chains and defense industrial base resiliency and security. She managed significant programs at the senior DoD level – equivalent to a Fortune 500 portfolio – leading thousands of people and planning and executing billions of dollars of investment in industrial capabilities and capacities that produce the weapons systems necessary for national and international security. She has prepared high-level briefings for the President, the National Security Advisor, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, among others. She also regularly briefed Members of Congress and their staffs.

Today, she owns MMR Defense Solutions, LLC, a consulting company that utilizes her extensive knowledge and experience at the highest levels of government, and whose objective is to bring innovative solutions to companies to successfully address supply chain and technical issues using strategy, policy, and investment approaches.

Prior to that, Dr. Michienzi served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), where she was the Senior Technology Advisor for the Undersecretary of Defense (USD) for Acquisition and Sustainment, advising the USD and other senior DoD leaders on innovative solutions for the design, development, and production of DoD systems, including facilitating technology transitions to provide cutting edge capability to the warfighter. She has extensive technical, strategy, and policy expertise in missiles and munitions, including hypersonics, nuclear and space systems; microelectronics; and critical chemicals.

Dr. Michienzi provided technical expertise and strategic and policy guidance on the industrial base and supply chains to the USD and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy (IBP), where she served as the Chief Technology Officer. She bridged government (U.S. and international) and private sector endeavors as she led the Department's efforts to rapidly increase industrial base capacity to accelerate the replenishment of weapons systems donated to Ukraine, enabling DoD to donate even more. Dr. Michienzi also utilized her Defense Production Act (DPA) expertise to support Ukraine, Taiwan, COVID response, and other critical national security supply chain efforts.

Dr. Michienzi also served as the USD's lead for microelectronics and was instrumental in ensuring inclusion of national security requirements and sustainability initiatives in the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act authorization and appropriation by collaborating with Congressional members and staffers, as well as serving as the A&S liaison to the Department of Commerce.

Previously she served in various roles in IBP – ensuring DoD assessed the capabilities, health, and resiliency of DoD supply chains, which the Department relies on for current and future warfighting capabilities, and developed mitigations to address identified risks and issues in all industrial sectors, enhancing Department readiness.