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## Margaret (Peggy) Maxson

**CURRENT POSITION:** On 19 April 2010, Ms. Maxson was appointed to her most recent position, Director of National Cybersecurity Education Strategy at the Department of Homeland Security. In this capacity she leads DHS efforts to build capability within the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) as well as co-leading the training and professional development component of the initiative. DHS requested Ms. Maxson for this position following her previous position as the Education Portfolio Manager on the Director of National Intelligence Joint Interagency Cyber Task Force (JIACITF). At the JIACITF, she led a cybersecurity education sub-group of the White House Information and Communication Infrastructure Interagency Policy Committee (ICI-IPC), which resulted in the accepted recommendation and subsequent implementation of the establishment of NICE.

**EDUCATION:** Ms Maxson has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the University of Maryland. She is a graduate of the 2005-2006 National Security Fellowship Program at Harvard University, where she focused her studies on leadership and international issues.

**PRIOR POSITIONS:** After four years in the US Air Force as a Russian linguist, Ms. Maxson was hired by the National Security Agency in 1981 as an analyst/reporter. Ms Maxson has subsequently served in a diverse range of managerial positions spanning operations, policy, foreign relations, customer service, and technology development. She has served as the NSA representative to the JCS/J2; the NSA representative to the DOD Joint Interagency Counterterrorism Task Force; the Deputy Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Foreign Relationships and a variety of positions within the CENTCOM Area of Operations, to include hostile territory assignments. She is twice the recipient of the DIA Director's Medal of Achievement for her role in support of military operations worldwide; the DCI's National Intelligence Medal of Achievement, for her work in international sharing agreements; and NSA's Meritorious Civilian Service Award for her work in support of military operations.

**PERSONAL:** Ms Maxson lives in Catonsville, Md, and has two children, Steven, aged 28, a biochemist working at the Cancer Institute in the National Institutes of Health and budding landscape architect, and Laura, aged 25, a successful artist, her focus on portraitures in oils, working for internationally recognized artist Jeff Koons in New York City.

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