

JFK Leadership

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Summary:

Mr. Michael Dobbs led a team of experts to strengthen America's Supply Chains (Executive Order 14017) by promoting U.S. manufacturing first in the massive \$625M DOE investment in Quantum Information Sciences (QIS). Supporting this effort, Mr. Dobbs partnered with key DOE attorneys in drafting the essential guidance document to streamline awards across DOE's QIS Research Centers. Additionally, Mr. Dobbs led in the update of records retention schedules protecting DOE's rights to enforce long commitments such as U.S. manufacturing requirements and rights in unreported inventions, which became the topic of an inter-agency discussion.

Description: Mr. Dobbs did an outstanding job of leading and working with multi-Agency officials to strengthen America's supply chain, thus resulting in the deployment of a robust U.S. manufacturing requirement supporting U.S. Manufacture First capability which will ultimately help strengthen and protect the US economy. His expert efforts resulted in a much-needed commercialization modification. Further, Mr. Dobbs expertly led the draft of several key documents used to implement the robust U.S. Manufacturing Requirement, including a statutory Determination of Exceptional Circumstances (DEC), which he personally briefed the DOE Office of Science Director for his approval. Additionally, Mr. Dobbs led and worked with numerous multi-departmental stakeholders to grant large businesses rights to their inventions thus maximizing large business participation. Continuing to lead, Mr. Dobbs also partnered with key multi-Departmental attorneys in drafting critical guidance for DOE's Laboratory Policy Director and several contracting officers.

Mr. Dobbs also led an effort to allow for the reduction unnecessary award records, while simultaneously strengthening records retention requirements for research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) protecting DOE's ability to enforce U.S. manufacturing requirements and rights in unreported inventions. In sum, Mr. Dobbs' efforts ensured the integrity of DOE's award records. Moreover, Mr. Dobbs' efforts have spurred interagency discussions to increase RD&D record retention across the US Federal Government.