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Kenneth M. Leonard is the Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office (ITS JPO). He is a member of Federal government's Senior Executive Service.



Mr. Leonard has over 30 years of federal government and private sector leadership experience providing solutions, innovation, and thought leadership in the areas of transportation, energy, investment, defense, environment, regulatory affairs, and information systems. Mr. Leonard is a recognized leader in the field of intelligent transportation systems. He brings a unique perspective and understanding of what must be accomplished to conduct research, develop capabilities and implement successful intelligent transportation strategies.

Prior to joining the ITS JPO, Mr. Leonard served as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Senior Policy Advisor and Director of the Office of Analysis, Research and Technology. In this capacity, he provided key executive leadership, policy direction, communication strategies, vision and direction in improving FMCSA's project effectiveness and efficiency.

Previously Mr. Leonard served as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Director of Aviation Weather Office, led the FAA's Technology Development Office, and was manager of Investment Analysis. While at the FAA, he provided strategic direction, advancing cornerstone aviation enterprise systems, and emerging technologies in support of the USDOT's Next Generation Air Transportation Systems initiatives.

While serving in the private sector, Mr. Leonard provided management oversight of complex and innovative research, development, and deployment of various programs involving multibillion-dollar projects. Additionally, he developed strategies to improve standard business practices while reducing program cost risks.

Mr. Leonard is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Public and International Affairs, where he earned a bachelor's degree in international economics. Additionally, he has completed graduate-level studies in economics and finance. He is a member of the Project Management Institute.