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Mr. Robert Powell serves as the Headquarters Department of the Army Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and the Technical Director for Cybersecurity, in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in Washington, D.C. In this role, he oversees policy development to secure Army data and Information , leading and managing efforts for Zero Trust, Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management (C-SCRM) policies, and cybersecurity reform. Mr. Powell represents the Army position on proposals initiated by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, and other forums, based on expert knowledge in the full range of threat informed cybersecurity policy matters, including risk identification, vulnerability reduction and effective mitigation to enable digital transformation and empower the warfighter.

Prior to his assignment in OCIO, MG Robert S. Powell USAR (Ret.), has held a series of critical leadership roles, in communications, cyber operations, and strategic planning. As Deputy to the Headquarters Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6, he managed multi-billion-dollar budgets and provided oversight for the Army Unified Network, ensuring progress on key digital transformation initiatives. In his roles with US Army Central Command, he served as both Commanding General and Assistant Chief of Staff, G6, overseeing theater communications across seven countries and two continents, while acting as the Authorizing Official for all Army networks in Southwest Asia. As Deputy Commanding General of the 335th Signal Command, he led a multi-component command of 12,000 personnel, ensuring operational readiness for communications, cyber defense, and information operations units. As the J6 for the Cyber National Mission Force at US Cyber Command, he managed cyber infrastructure, resources, and capabilities to support the unit's operational requirements. He served as Commander of the Army Reserve Cyber Protection Brigade, where he led five Cyber Battalions and ten Cyber Protection Teams. Previously, he served as a Faculty Instructor at the US Army War College, where he taught graduate-level courses and provided guidance and mentorship to senior military leaders.

He currently lives in South Carolina with his wife, Jill and their son.