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Ms. Hanlon is the current DHS Attaché and TSA Area Representative in Warsaw, Poland. Ms. Hanlon is the former Federal Security Director (FSD) for Miami International Airport (MIA) and Palm Beach International Airport (PBI). She started her Federal career in April, 2011 as the Deputy Federal Security Director (DFSD) at Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS).

Prior to joining the TSA, Ms. Hanlon worked for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) while serving as the Director, a.i. of International Training and Development Institute (ITDI). During her tenure she directed a worldwide faculty and managed training centers located in the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East and Africa. Ms. Hanlon built strategic partnerships with prominent academic institutions, foreign governments, global alliance partners and civil aviation authorities to offer customized training solutions and diploma programs tailored for the aviation industry. Moreover, Ms. Hanlon served as an advisor to 95 Country Managers, providing collaborative support on integrated business strategies designed to meet industry objectives and promote global cooperation across the air transport and civil aviation sector.

Ms. Hanlon gained most of her aviation experience directing large hub operations in the United States, Europe and Asia. Key accomplishments include the integration of technology while driving economic and operational efficiencies in addition to building coalitions between airline and airport partners and federal government agencies. Earlier in her career, she directed charter operations in Europe and Africa on behalf of Union des Transports Aériens (UTA) based in Paris, France; demonstrating technical credibility by coordinating with foreign and US government agencies to ensure compliance with all local and federal programs. Ms. Hanlon has also consulted on FAA Part 121 certification projects on behalf of three airlines.

Ms. Hanlon holds an Executive M.B.A. in International Studies from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Salem State University, Salem, MA. Since joining TSA, she participated in the Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Executive Leader's Program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA; attended the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard

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