

## **President Appoints New Chair and Vice Chair of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

During the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) meeting on November 19, 2014, Mr. Michael Daniel, Special Assistant to the President and Cybersecurity Coordinator, announced that President Barack Obama had appointed Mark D. McLaughlin as Chair and Ms. Renee James as Vice Chair of the NSTAC. Prior to his appointment as Chair, Mr. McLaughlin was serving as the Vice Chair, and Ms. James had served as Co-Chair of the Information and Communications Technology Mobilization Subcommittee.

The NSTAC is composed of up to 30 Presidentially-appointed executives who represent diverse elements of the telecommunications industry. The committee advises the President on a wide range of policy and technical issues related to telecommunications, information systems, information assurance, infrastructure protection, and other national security and emergency preparedness concerns.

### **Mr. Mark D. McLaughlin, Chair, National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

Mr. McLaughlin is the president, CEO, and chairman of the board of Palo Alto Networks. Prior to this position, he was the president, CEO, and board member of VeriSign, Inc. Before joining VeriSign, Mr. McLaughlin worked at Signio, Inc., as vice president for sales and business development; Gemplus International SA as vice president for business development; and Caere Corporation as general counsel. He also practiced law at Cooley Godward Kronish, LLP. Mr. McLaughlin served in the U.S. Army and earned an Army Commendation Medal and Airborne Wings. He currently sits on the board of directors for Opower. He holds a bachelors degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a juris doctorate, magna cum laude, from Seattle University School of Law.

### **Ms. Renée J. James, Vice Chair, National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

Ms. James is president of Intel Corporation and is part of the company's Executive Office. During her 25 plus year career at Intel, Ms. James served in multiple roles, including executive vice president and general manager of the Software and Services Group and director and COO of Intel Online Services, Intel's datacenter services business. Early in her career, Ms. James also served as chief of staff for former Intel CEO Andy Grove. Ms. James serves as a non-executive director on the Vodafone Group Plc Board of Directors and is a member of the Remuneration Committee. She served seven years as independent director on the VMware, Inc., Board of Directors and was a member of the Audit Committee. She is also a member of the C200. In 2014, Ms. James was ranked 21st on Fortune's Most Powerful Women in Business list, and she was named number 37 on Forbes 100 list. She holds a bachelor's degree and a masters of business administration from the University of Oregon.