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The Honorable Dr. Kathie L. Olsen is the Founder and Managing Director of KLO International, LLC, a consulting firm in Virginia. Believing research is the core foundation for innovation that will sustain global quality of life and economic vitality, she is dedicated to helping people and organizations succeed in their science and engineering research pursuits. Dr. Olsen served over 20+ years in the federal government in a variety of scientific leadership positions, including the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of the National Science Foundation (NSF); Associate Director and Deputy Director for Science of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of the President; Chief Scientist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Acting Associate Administrator for NASA's Biological and Physical Research Enterprise. Dr. Olsen earned a Ph.D. in Biology (Neuroscience) from the University of California, Irvine. Her Postdoctoral Fellowship was in the Department of Neuroscience at Children's Hospital of Harvard Medical School. At various times in her professional career, Dr. Olsen also served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Medical School, Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology at the George Washington University and Affiliate Professor of Neuroscience at the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, George Mason University. Her research on neural and genetic mechanisms underlying development and expression of behavior was supported by the National Institutes of Health. She has served on review panels for U.S. federal agencies including National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, United States Department of Defense, as well as foreign governments, international research institutes, and UNESCO. Presently, Dr. Olsen is serving on boards and committees for academia and professional societies.

