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As the Chief, Industrial Security Division, Bureau of Diplomatic Service, Dr. Kim Colón manages the Department's implementation of the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) and administration to ensure the proper handling of classified and sensitive but unclassified information and assets entrusted to or generated by private industry.

Prior to joining the Department of State in April 2023, Dr. Colón served in various positions across government agencies which include the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) where she served as the Branch Chief, Industrial Security Programs, National Security Services Division, Office of the Chief Security Officer. She oversaw the Classified Critical Infrastructure Protection Program, Promoting Private-Sector Cybersecurity Information Sharing, in accordance with Executive Order 13691. In 2011, she joined Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) as a Program Analyst in the Business Analysis and Mitigation Strategy Division. In 2013, she was selected for a position in the Strategic Management Office where she oversaw the draft, release, and implementation of the Defense Security Service 2020 Strategic Plan. In 2016, she returned to Operations, serving as the Deputy Assistant Director, Industrial Security Integration and Application, where she oversaw International, Special Access Programs and Support Services, and supported the standardization of documents amongst international partners.

Dr. Colón is a retired Air Force senior non-commissioned officer with twenty-four years of logistics training, personnel, and information management knowledge. She holds experience in all Air Force components, to include Regular Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve as an Active Guard Reserve (AGR). In 2010, following her retirement and prior to joining DCSA, Dr. Colón served as an Associate Analyst for Booz Allen Hamilton at the Pentagon.

Certifications: Certified security professional with conferred security certifications – Security Fundamental Professional Certification; Security Asset Protection Professional Certification; and Industrial Security Oversight Certification. She also received a Project Management Professional certification in June 2022.

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Originally from Yonkers, New York, she currently lives in Dumfries, VA and has two adult daughters, one of which is serving in the USAF.