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Frank Kendall III Rejoins Renaissance Strategic Advisors as Executive in Residence

Arlington, VA – Aerospace and defense advisory firm Renaissance Strategic Advisors today announced that the Honorable Frank Kendall has rejoined the firm as an Executive in Residence. Frank brings over four decades of acquisition, technology and defense expertise to RSAdvisors. He was a Managing Partner of RSAdvisors from 2008 until 2010 when he was confirmed by the Senate to serve as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. In May 2012 Frank was confirmed by the Senate as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, USD(AT&L), and he served in that position until January 2017.

As the longest serving USD(AT&L), Frank was responsible to the Secretary of Defense for all matters pertaining to acquisition; research and engineering; developmental testing; contract administration; logistics and materiel readiness; installations and environment; operational energy; chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons; the acquisition workforce; and the defense industrial base. He was the leader of the Department of Defense's efforts to increase the Department's buying power and improve the performance of the defense acquisition enterprise.

Frank has over 40 years of experience in engineering, management, defense acquisition, and national security affairs in private industry, government, and the military. He has been a consultant to defense industry firms, non-profit research organizations, and the DoD in the areas of strategic planning, engineering management, and technology assessment. Frank was VP of Engineering for Raytheon Company, where he was responsible for management direction to the engineering functions throughout the company and for internal research and development.

Within government, Frank held the position of Director of Tactical Warfare Programs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the position of Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategic Defense Systems. Frank is a former member of the Army Science Board and the Defense Intelligence Agency Science and Technology Advisory Board and he has been a consultant to the Defense Science Board and a Senior Advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He also spent ten years on active duty with the Army serving in Germany, teaching Engineering at West Point, and holding research and development positions.

Frank is also an attorney and has been active in the field of human rights, working primarily on a pro bono basis. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA, an observer at Guantanamo with Human Rights First, and was Chair of the Board of Directors with the Tahiri Justice Center.

Frank is a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and he holds a Masters Degree in Aerospace Engineering from California Institute of Technology, a Master of Business Administration degree from the C.W. Post Center of Long Island University, and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

"We are excited to have Frank rejoin the RSAdvisors team after such a distinguished term in government service. His keen analytical mindset, depth of expertise and intellect will be a great and welcome addition to the firm," said Pierre Chao, Founding Partner of Renaissance Strategic Advisors.

Renaissance Strategic Advisors is a Washington D.C., London and New York based aerospace and defense industry advisory firm focused on corporate strategy development, strategic business development, market insight, due diligence/M&A support and transaction support services. The firm works with clients across the full lifecycle – from venture start-ups to industry leaders; and up and down the value chain – from component manufacturers to prime contractors. In select cases, the company is also able to provide capital via affiliates and key strategic partnerships.