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Deirdre M. Walsh is the Vice President, Strategic Operations for Ball Aerospace. As the company's senior executive in the Washington, DC area, Walsh is responsible for leading the creation and execution of government relations strategies to enhance the company's reputation and strategic positioning in the industry as a trusted mission partner. Previously, Walsh served as the first chief operating officer of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), where she led the ODNI in its transformation to better integrate and unify the nation's intelligence community priorities and strategies.

Walsh is a recognized leader in the Intelligence Community and the broader aerospace and defense industry, with a reputation for steadfast commitment to serving the nation and warfighter throughout her career.

Prior to her most recent role, Walsh served as director of Legislative Affairs at the ODNI, where she managed interactions with Congress, supported Congressional oversight requirements and advised ODNI senior leaders on Congressional priority interests. Earlier, as deputy director of the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Walsh led a dynamic team in communicating the NRO mission throughout the Executive Branch, Capitol Hill and with the general public.

Walsh received the U.S. Distinguished Presidential Rank Award in 2019; as well as various Intelligence Community accolades for her leadership of the Legislative Affairs community, including her leadership of a Community-wide team supporting the reauthorization of critical surveillance legislation.

Walsh received a M.A degree in legislative affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, DC, and a B.S. in international studies from the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA. She is an Executive Fellow of the Center for Strategic International Studies' Women's Global Leadership Program, and actively engages across the aerospace and defense community.