

Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)

PL 95-140, 21 October 1977, created this position to replace the director of research and engineering. Succeeded by the under secretary of defense (acquisition) in 1986.

- WILLIAM J. PERRY. U.S. Army, 1946-1947. Technical consultant for the Department of Defense, 1966-1977. Director defense research and engineering, 11 April 1977-21 October 1977, when position was raised to the under secretary level. He served in this post until 20 January 1981.
- WALTER B. LABERGE. U.S. Navy, 1943-1947. Assistant secretary of the Air Force for research and development, 1973-1975. Under secretary of the Army, 1977-1980. Principal deputy to under secretary of defense (research and engineering), 1980-1984. Acting under secretary, 21 January 1981-10 March 1981.
- JAMES P. WADE, JR. Assistant to the secretary of defense for atomic energy and chairman of Military Liaison Committee to Department of Energy, 1978-1981. Acting under secretary, 11 March 1981-6 May 1981.
- RICHARD D. DELAUER. U.S. Navy, 1942-1966. Laboratory director of Space Tech Labs, 1958-1960; Titan program, 1960-1966. Official with TRW, Inc., 1968-1981. Under secretary of defense for research and engineering, 6 May 1981-30 November 1984.
- JAMES P. WADE, JR. Acting under secretary of defense for research and engineering, 1 December 1984-5 July 1985.
- DONALD A. HICKS. Chief of applied physics for Boeing Company. Research physicist with Lawrence Radiation Laboratories, Livermore, California. Under secretary of defense for research and engineering, 2 August 1985-10 October 1986.

Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E)

Position created by PL 85-599, 6 August 1958, the Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, which abolished the position of assistant secretary of defense (research and engineering) and gave this position a higher status.

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| Herbert F. York | 30 December 1958-30 April 1961 |
| Harold Brown | 8 May 1961-30 September 1965 |
| John S. Foster, Jr. | 1 October 1965-21 June 1973 |
| Malcolm R. Currie | 21 June 1973-20 January 1977 |
| William J. Perry | 11 April 1977-21 October 1977 |

The deputy director of defense (research and engineering) was designated an assistant secretary of defense for the period 19 May 1961 to 15 July 1965.

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| John H. Rubel | 19 May 1961-15 June 1963 |
| Eugene G. Fubini | 3 July 1963-15 July 1965 |