

Kris Kearns Bio

Ms. Kris Kearns is the Director of Strategy at Soar Technology, Inc. There, she oversees development of artificial intelligence technologies for unmanned platforms that span machine autonomy and perception, as well as, the human-robot interfaces and interactions. Ms Kearns is also responsible for managing SoarTech's Dayton office. Prior to joining the SoarTech team, Ms. Kearns spent 28 years in the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL). There she held various positions in the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, in AFRL's Plans and Programs Directorate, and finally in the Airman Systems Directorate as AFRL's Autonomy Lead. She served as the DoD Chair for the Autonomy Science & Technology Community of Interest, where she was responsible for coordinating the research and development efforts across the Army, Navy, Air Force and Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).