

Pillar 4 - Workforce

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Workforce Panel

Moderator: Kristi Clouse, Senior Managing Director, Talent, JobsOhio

- MAJ GEN (ret) Deborah Ashenhurst, Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services
- Wendy Staiger, General Dynamics Land Systems, Plant Director, Joint Systems Manufacturing Center
- Charlie Perham, Vice President, Director of Government Consulting Services, Matrix Design Group

3:00 PM

Closing Comments/ Adjourn

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Session Biographies

In Alphabetical Order



Ohio Rep. Adam Holmes
Chairman of the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee

State Representative Adam Holmes is serving his first full term in the Ohio House of Representatives after being appointed in the 133rd General Assembly. He represents the 97th Ohio House District, which includes Guernsey County and portions of Muskingum County.

Holmes is currently the CEO of Frueh Enterprises, a mechanical and industrial contracting company that has operated in Zanesville for over 80 years. Prior to his business career, Holmes spent over 27 years in the United States Marine Corps and retired as a Colonel in 2016. During his career as a Marine aviator, Holmes served in several senior leadership and command positions. His experience includes 40 combat missions supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and over 3000 flight hours supporting crisis response missions in Somalia, Rwanda, the Middle East and other areas around the world.

Holmes is the Chairman of the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee and Vice Chair of the House Health Committee.



Kenneth D. Watson
Deputy Commander, DLA Land and Maritime

Kenneth D. Watson, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Commander of Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, located in Columbus, OH. In this capacity he is co-responsible for the logistics operations of over 2,500 associates at 37 locations worldwide. He is directly responsible for supply chain functions to include management of almost two million spare and repair parts. In 2019, DLA Land and Maritime's sales exceeded \$4.1 billion. He assumed his current post in October 2019.

Mr. Watson previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness, serving as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, providing integration and oversight of the Department's annual \$90 billion maintenance program. In this capacity he developed policies and procedures for materiel readiness and maintenance support of major weapon systems and military equipment within the Department of Defense.



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