

**Dr. Robert Leheny**  
**Acting Director**  
**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency**

Dr. Robert F. Leheny was named Acting Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) February 20, 2009. He continues to serve as Deputy Director of DARPA, a position he has occupied since June 2, 2003.

DARPA is the principal Agency within the Department of Defense for research, development, and demonstration of concepts, devices, and systems that provide highly advanced military capabilities.

Prior to assuming his current positions, Dr. Leheny served as Director of DARPA's Microsystems Technology Office. He joined DARPA in October 1993 as a Program Manager in the area of optoelectronics.

Prior to joining DARPA, from 1987 to 1993, Dr. Leheny was an Executive Director for Network Technology Research in the Applied Research Laboratory of Bell Communications Research, Inc. (Bellcore, now known as Telcordia Technologies, Inc.), Red Bank, NJ. In this position he was responsible for managing an organization researching materials and device designs for communication systems. From 1984 to 1987, he was Director of the Electronic Device Research Group in the same Laboratory at Bellcore. From 1967 to 1983 he was a member of technical staff in Electronics Research Lab at Bell Laboratories, Inc, Holmdel, NJ. From 1962 to 1967, he was a graduate student at Columbia University and from 1960 to 1962, he was employed as a Radar Systems Engineer with the Sperry Gyroscope Co, Great Neck, NY.

Dr. Leheny received his BS from the University of Connecticut in 1960 and a Doctor of Engineering Science Degree from Columbia University in 1966. In 1983, he was named a Bell Labs Distinguished Member of Technical Staff and in 1992 he was named a Distinguished Graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Engineering. In 2003, Dr. Leheny was presented with the DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest award the Department of Defense can give to career civil servants. He has published over 70 papers, co-edited a book and authored four book chapters. He is a Fellow of the IEEE and a member of the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the New York Academy of Sciences.