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Ms. Tara P. Bradburn has been a career civil servant since 1998 and is currently the NGA Lead for Artificial Intelligence, Automation, and Augmentation (AAA) at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). As the NGA Lead for AAA, Ms. Bradburn is the Agency's chief proponent for AAA activities to improve the speed at which NGA provides insight, the precision of assessments, and the scope of the mission. Ms. Bradburn's efforts are establishing NGA's AAA framework in coordination and alignment with the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

Prior to her appointment as a Defense Intelligence Senior Leader (DISL) in August 2018, Ms. Bradburn served as the NGA Office of Eurasia and Africa Chief of Staff. Ms. Bradburn oversaw the business operations support for the Africa and Eurasia analytical mission. From June 2017 to April 2018, Ms. Bradburn was the Acting, GEOINT Mission Manager for Eurasia with responsibility for guiding strategy and priorities for GEOINT across the Eurasia portfolio. During her tenure Ms. Bradburn stood up the first ever Eurasia Mission Lead Team (MLT) that strengthened GEOINT efforts with partner nations. Ms. Bradburn has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan serving as the NGA Senior Command Representative to Special Operations Joint Task Force- Afghanistan (SOJTF-A) and NGA Chief of Operations to Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force –Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A). Prior to these assignments, she had NGA assignments at the NGA Office of Counterterrorism and Human Development Directorate.

From 2006 to 2011, Ms. Bradburn served as the Chief of the Force Design Division within the Capabilities Development Directorate in support of a USSOCOM unit. From 2003-2006, Ms. Bradburn supported Headquarters, US Marine Corps (HQMC) family programs, serving as the Commandant of the Marine Corps' inspector for worldwide family support programs. Ms. Bradburn began her federal career with the Department of Army in 1998, serving in a variety of family support programs. Prior to entering federal service, Ms. Bradburn was a teacher in the field of Special Education.

Ms. Bradburn is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education. She is a Certified Defense Financial Manager. Ms. Bradburn is the recipient of the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award (2016), the Department of Army Superior Civilian Service Award (2014), the U.S. Department of Defense Global War on Terrorism Medal (2014 and 2016), and the NATO Non-Article 5 Service Medal (2014 and 2016). Ms. Bradburn hails from Liberty, Texas and resides in Lorton, VA, with her husband, Jim McAlary, and their daughter, Callie.