

**2022 DMSMS Program Champion Award Winner
Dr. Christine Michienzi**



Dr. Christine Michienzi is a dedicated champion of DMSMS policy and an instrumental leader in advancing its implementation in her many roles in OSD Industrial Base Policy, most recently as a Senior Technology Advisor to the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

One of Dr. Michienzi's many focus areas was the Defense Microelectronics Cross-Functional Team. I had the pleasure of working with her even more closely as part of this team and most of you may not know this but she helped secure funding for several key projects such as: SD-22 DoD DMSMS Guidebook, SD-26 DMSMS and Parts Management Contracting Guide, and SD-19 Parts Management Guidebook updates plus DMSMS policy implementation, Parts Management policy assessment, and Parts and Material Management Working effectiveness projects; just to name a few. She also recognized the Enterprise Parts Management System's (EPMS) potential early on and encouraged its rapid development, reflecting her proactive attitude towards improvement.

With an eye towards the future, these initiatives have been instrumental in making tangible improvements in DMSMS operations, providing the resources needed to make a meaningful difference for all stakeholders. In this and in many other areas, Dr Michienzi explained implementation details and effectively connected implementers with key stakeholders in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). She actively shared work and progress at Working Groups and Conferences, enhancing visibility and credibility in the field. Her presentations were not just informative but inspiring, providing a sense of purpose and highlighting the importance of our key efforts.

Beyond her professional expertise, the DMSMS community and I appreciated Dr. Michienzi's authenticity and honesty. She provided clear feedback, both praise and constructive criticism,

helping improve performance. This balance made her an exceptional mentor and a trusted advisor. Even as her OSD responsibilities expanded, she remained a down-to-earth and accessible leader. She was always ready to lend a hand and make a real effort to make people's jobs easier. She routinely went above and beyond.

In short, Dr. Michienzi was more than a leader; she was a role model, and someone that everyone greatly admires. While her DMSMS Champion shoes will be tough to fill, she has established the blueprint to follow. Through her valuable contributions and unwavering support, her efforts have made a lasting impact.