

**Former Department of Defense Official Katharina McFarland Appointed to TransUnion Government Advisory Board**  
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CHICAGO, Aug. 21, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- TransUnion (NYSE:TRU) today announced that it has appointed the honorable Katharina McFarland to its [Government Advisory Board](#). The Advisory Board provides TransUnion with valuable perspective and key insights into the unique needs of the public sector.

A recognized and trusted federal government leader specializing in procurement and technology acquisition, McFarland recently retired from the Department of Defense (January 20, 2017), having served in a Senate-confirmed position as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) ("ASD(A)"). In this role, McFarland was the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on all matters related to acquisition for the entire DOD Enterprise.

"Katharina McFarland joins an impressive roster of experts on TransUnion's Government Advisory Board, strengthening our position to help government agencies tackle fraud, data breaches and risk management," said Jonathan McDonald, executive vice president of TransUnion's government information solutions business unit. "Katharina has a stellar background from her leadership positions with the DOD and we look forward to her perspectives as we help federal, state and local government agencies to better manage risks while minimizing costs."

McFarland's responsibilities as ASD(A) also included all acquisition practice and execution on behalf of the Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to work with TransUnion, where together we will align the right strategies and practices in the fight against fraud and data breaches," said McFarland. "In today's public sector environment, timely and comprehensive data is critical to decrease fraudulent activity and create a trusted infrastructure."

McFarland began her civil service career in 1986 as a general engineer at Headquarters Marine Corps, where she was accredited as a Materials, Mechanical, Civil and Electronics Engineer. She has received an Honorary Doctoral of Engineering degree from the University of Cranfield, United Kingdom; the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award; the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service Award; the Department of the Navy Civilian Tester of the Year Award; and the Navy and United States Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service.

TransUnion's [Government Information Solutions](#) division provides fraud, benefit eligibility verification, continuous evaluation services, identity authentication, data breach response, investigation services, and other key solutions to federal, state and local government agencies in the U.S. TransUnion's solutions help both private and government sector organizations manage risk and reduce costs.

For more information about the TransUnion Government Advisory Board and its members, please visit <https://www.transunion.com/about-us/government-advisory-board>. Additional information about TransUnion's Government Information Solutions division can be found at <https://www.transunion.com/government>.

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