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As Chief Operating Officer of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization (ATO), Teri L. Bristol is responsible for ensuring safe, efficient and secure air traffic services for approximately 50,000 aircraft operating over nearly 30 million square miles every day.

Bristol provides leadership and direction for 32,000 employees providing the organization's core functions of Air Traffic Services, Technical and Systems Operations, Safety Management, Technical Training, Mission Support Services, Management Services, Program Management, and Flight Program Operations. She has executed the deployment and integration of NextGen, an ambitious multiyear infrastructure and technology modernization initiative, as well as other airspace improvements, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and commercial space operations into daily National Airspace System (NAS) operations. She has enhanced the organization's focus on risk management and innovative training initiatives, and has made great strides on behalf of the agency in strengthening labor relations and augmented partnerships with the aviation industry.

Throughout her 28-year career, Bristol has had extensive experience in leading the technically varied missions of the ATO. Prior to being named COO in 2014, she served as Deputy Chief Operating Officer in 2012-2013, assuming greater responsibility for operations domestically and for the agency's role in international air navigation services. In previous positions, Bristol oversaw maintenance, monitoring and engineering services in the NAS, directed operational support and integration services across the NAS, led acquisition and program management of large automation and surveillance systems, and was directly responsible for the daily operation of air traffic control facilities throughout the Western United States, Alaska and Hawaii.

Bristol served as Chair of the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Executive Committee from June 2017 to June 2019. CANSO works to harmonize air traffic policies and procedures and develop best practices for the safe and efficient delivery of air navigation services. Bristol is Chair of the Latin America and Caribbean CANSO CEO Committee (LAC3). She is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Bristol represents the ATO on the FAA's Drone Advisory Committee (DAC) and is a member of the NextGen Executive Board and the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC), and an executive leader of the NAC's NextGen Integration Working Group.

Bristol began her federal career in 1992 when she was recruited into the Department of Transportation's Acquisition Management Training Program, where she worked for the FAA, U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Highway Administration.

Bristol holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and transportation from the University of Maryland and has been a Certified Program Management Professional since 2004.