



**Mr Daniel B Poneman**

*Deputy Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy*

Mr Daniel B Poneman was nominated by President Obama to be Deputy Secretary of Energy on 20 April 2009, and was confirmed by the United States Senate on 18 May 2009. Under the leadership of Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, Mr Poneman also serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Department. Mr Poneman first joined the Department of Energy in 1989 as a White House Fellow. The next year he joined the National Security Council staff as Director of Defense Policy and Arms Control. From 1993 through 1996, Mr Poneman served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Nonproliferation and Export Controls at the National Security Council. During this time, he also participated in negotiations and consultations with governments in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the former Soviet Union. After leaving the White House, Mr Poneman served as a member of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and a number of other federal advisory panels. Mr Poneman received AB and JD degrees with honours from Harvard University and MLitt in Politics from Oxford University. He has published widely on national security issues and is the author of *Nuclear Power in the Developing World* and *Argentina: Democracy on Trial*. His third book, *Going Critical: The First North Korean Nuclear Crisis* (coauthored with Joel Wit and Robert Gallucci), received the 2005 Douglas Dillon Award for Distinguished Writing on American Diplomacy. Mr Poneman is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.