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Heather T. Kowalski began her appointment as Chief Information Officer (CIO) of INTERPOL Washington, the United States National Central Bureau, in August 2018. The US Dept of Justice hosts the US presence of INTERPOL, the world's largest international criminal police organization, and its 192 member countries.

As CIO, Ms. Kowalski leads the U.S. Government's efforts to share and exchange international criminal investigative, border security, and humanitarian assistance information across the INTERPOL Washington communications platform. She has responsibility for all digital assets dedicated to INTERPOL Washington's mission of supporting domestic and international law enforcement and border security operations around the globe.

Ms. Kowalski joined INTERPOL Washington from the Office of Personnel Management where she was the Director of Mainframe Infrastructure. She has held leadership positions at DHS Cybersecurity & Communications and DHS US Citizenship and Immigration Services. In addition, Ms. Kowalski has extensive private sector experience. Ms. Kowalski earned a bachelor's degree in Western European Studies from Wells College, an MBA from the University of Hartford, and a master's degree in Information Systems Management, specializing in Information Security, from Carnegie Mellon University.