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Dr. Gary Strong is currently on detail from the National Science Foundation to the Department of Homeland Security to assist in establishing a new research organization in the Science and Technology Directorate. At NSF, Dr. Strong assisted with interagency coordination of national security and homeland security related programs, managed the computer science cluster of biology-related research programs, and managed a large cross-agency information technology research program. Prior to this, Dr. Strong was on detail to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to manage the Translingual Information Detection, Extraction and Summarization Program and co-manage the Bio:Info:Micro Program.

During his 1995-2003 tenure at NSF, Dr. Strong was member or chair of several interagency working groups on Information Technology R & D. He led the development of a research initiative for every-citizen access to the National Information Infrastructure, commissioning a study by the National Academy that continues to serve as a reference standard for efforts to bridge the digital divide. His international efforts have resulted in the NSF-European Commission multilingual research program.

Dr. Strong received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1967. He earned his Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University in 1969 and his Ph.D. jointly in Computer & Communication Sciences & in Anthropology from the University of Michigan in 1981.