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Captain Angelina Hidalgo serves as a Counselor to the Secretary of Homeland Security, advising the Secretary on various national security issues, including maritime security and the Marine Transportation System. Her previous assignment was as a United States Coast Guard (USCG) Fellow to the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Captain Hidalgo has held military leadership roles in cybersecurity, including Intelligence Department Head at the USCG Cyber Command, Task Force Commander for the Cyber National Mission Force, and Cyber Battle Watch Captain for the U.S. Cyber Command Joint Operations Center.

As Deputy Branch Chief of Intelligence for the USCG First District in Boston, she was responsible for the Intelligence program, providing oversight for over 80 field units and delivering a rapid surge capability for response efforts following Hurricane Sandy and the April 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing. As Chief of Incident Management and Assistant Enforcement Chief at USCG Sector Los Angeles - Long Beach, CA, she served as a Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, directing daily law enforcement operations and leading pollution responses. She led a multi-million dollar pollution threat assessment operation of the S.S. Montebello, a World War II shipwreck off California's central coast.

During the largest oil spill disaster in U.S. waters, she became the strategic planner and scheduler for the National Incident Commander Response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon. Her other operational assignments include Commanding Officer of CGC KINGFISHER, a Coastal Patrol Boat, and as a Deck Watch Officer and Maritime Law Enforcement Boarding Officer aboard the Medium Endurance Cutter, CGC DAUNTLESS.

Upon earning a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Defense Intelligence College in 2005, she served as an intelligence analyst at the National Counterterrorism Center, where she briefed senior policymakers on terrorism threats to the Transportation Sector. In 2016, she completed the National Security Agency and Central Security Service Director's Fellowship Program and, in 2020, became an alum of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI Program. She is a graduate of the USCG Academy (2000) in New London, CT, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government.

Her honors include the 2019 Professional Achievement Award for Great Minds in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation Conference, and the 2011 Latina Style, Inc. Meritorious Service Award.

Her military awards include the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of 2nd award), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of 2nd award), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and other unit awards.