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Joseph Kanabrocki, Ph.D., C.B.S.P. is currently the Assistant Dean for Biosafety and Associate Professor of Microbiology in the Biological Sciences Division of the University of Chicago. In this capacity, Joe serves as Select Agent Responsible Official, University Biosafety Officer and director of the Biosafety programs at the University of Chicago's Ricketts Regional Biocontainment Laboratory and the Great Lakes Regional Center for Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research (GLRCE).

Joe received a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of Notre Dame and his Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. He was trained as a post-doctoral fellow in the Section of Genetics and Development at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. and in the Laboratory of Molecular Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Joe served for seven years as the Director of Biological Safety/Biological Safety Officer, Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Safety and Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Molecular Microbiology at Washington University in St. Louis. He served as the administrative officer for the Washington University Institutional Biological and Chemical Safety Committee (IBC) as well as the institution's Responsible Official for the Select Agent Program. Prior to this appointment, Joe served for eight years as the Responsible Official and as Biosafety Officer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Joe is currently a member of the NIH (National Institutes of Health) Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (NIH-RAC) and the National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity (NSABB). He is an active member of ABSA and just completed a three year term as ABSA Councilor. He also serves as Chair of the Examination Board for the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM) and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the National Institutes of Health National Biosafety and Biocontainment Training Program (NBBTP).