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Ms. Smith has more than four decades of experience in space policy. Before starting her own company and website in 2009, she was Director of the Space Studies Board (2006-2009) and Director of the Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board (2007-2009) at The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. that provides expert advice to the nation on science, engineering and health.

Previously, Ms. Smith was a senior level specialist in aerospace and telecommunications policy at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), a department of the Library of Congress (1975-2006). CRS provides objective, non-partisan research and analysis exclusively for the Members and committees of the U.S. Congress. Ms. Smith specialized in U.S. and foreign military and civilian space activities, as well as other science and technology policy issues (including telecommunications and nuclear energy). She took a one year leave of absence from 1985-1986 to serve as Executive Director of the U.S. National Commission on Space. The Commission was created by Congress and its members appointed by President Reagan to develop long term (50 year) goals for the civilian space program. The results were published in the report *Pioneering the Space Frontier* (Bantam Books). Before joining CRS (1973-1975), she worked in the Washington Office of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (then headquartered in New York). A graduate of Syracuse University, Ms. Smith is the author or co-author of more than 220 reports and articles on space, nuclear energy, and telecommunications (not including the hundreds of articles and reports on SpacePolicyOnline.com). Ms. Smith is –

- North American Editor for the quarterly journal [Space Policy](#) (Elsevier).
- Member, Board of Editors, quarterly journal [New Space](#) (MaryAnn Liebert Inc. Publishers).
- Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Served on many committees including Executive Nominating Committee, Honors and Awards, and International Activities. She also was an AIAA Distinguished Lecturer and member of the AIAA National Capital Section Council.
- Fellow of the American Astronautical Society (AAS). Past President, Past Vice President-Public Policy, past Board Member.
- Member, Board of Directors, and Secretary of the Secure World Foundation.
- Founder, Emeritus Member, and Past President of Women in Aerospace (WIA).
- Member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL). Former Vice President, former member of the Board of Directors.
- Member of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA). Former IAA Trustee and former co-chair of IAA's Space Activities and Society Committee.
- Life Member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the Washington Academy of Sciences, and Sigma Xi (the honorary scientific research society).

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