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On December 8, 2008, BG(Ret) Edward M. Harrington was inducted into the Senior Executive Service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) (DASA(P)). The DASA(P) develops, disseminates, and ensures the execution of Federal, Defense, and Army policies and procedures for acquisition, procurement, and related business practices and business systems solutions for installation procurement and contingency contracting supporting the procurement of supplies, commodities, services, construction and reconstruction, and humanitarian assistance worldwide. As the Functional Career Representative for Contracting, the DASA(P) oversees the recruitment, training, certification, and professional development of the contracting workforce. As designated by the Deputy Secretary of Defense and delegated to the Secretary of the Army, and further delegated by the ASA(ALT), the DASA(P) provides the administrative and contracting support to the Chief of Mission, Project and Contracting Office and the Multi-National Forces through the Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan in order to support humanitarian relief, reconstruction, and security of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Harrington is a former senior U.S. Army officer with 28+ years experience in weapons and information systems life cycle acquisition, contracting/contract management, and military logistics operations. He has extensive leadership and management experience in U.S. Army and Joint operations in the U.S., Europe, the Balkans, Pacific Rim, Southeast Asia (Viet Nam) and the Middle East conducting supply, maintenance, distribution, operational and battlefield contracting, and systems sustainment and readiness missions for deployed forces. He has served in command and staff positions from the platoon/company/battalion and group level to senior positions as Chief of Staff and Executive Officer to the Army's Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA, AL+T), then as an Army Program Executive Officer (PEO), finishing his active service as the Director, Defense Contract Management Agency and DoD's PEO for the Standard Procurement System.

He was the Army's PEO at the Tank, Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) for its tactical and commercial wheeled vehicle fleet (250,000+ vehicles), artillery, mortars, small arms and ammunition, automated fire control systems, mines/countermines and demolitions, construction, watercraft, and petroleum and water logistics systems. He approved \$8Billion/year in systems procurements for 200+ systems including strategic sourcing for system life-cycle sustainment. He began his systems acquisition management duties in the Abrams Tank Program as the assistant PM for M1A1 tank armor systems. He then was selected to be the PM for the Standard Army Maintenance System and followed that as PM for the Unit Level Logistics

Systems. He managed the engineering, development, integration, testing, field extension and product support and enhancement for over 11,000 field logistics automation users deployed to Army bases worldwide.

As the Director of the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Mr. Harrington led and directed 12,000+ managers and specialists overseeing 19,000 prime contractors and over 300,000 contracts valued at \$950 billion, including 40,000+ second, third and fourth tier suppliers in the domestic and overseas supply chain. His responsibilities included Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) contracts for spares and supplies for all military systems supported by DLA's three major supply centers. Directly reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD, AT+L), he managed 1 million+ transactions yearly (valued at \$95 billion) to deliver the full range of military aircraft, missile and radar systems, ground combat and wheeled vehicles, ship systems and submarine parts, artillery, small arms, ammunition components, clothing, food, heavy construction systems, and spares and assemblies to U.S and allied forces and depots. He oversaw the management of all contracts for the overhaul, modification, repair and maintenance of Air Force, Navy, Marine and Army fixed and rotary wing aircraft totaling over 1,200 annually with more than 25,000 hours of flight operations at 25 plants. He provided subject matter experts to supervise supplier and production quality assurance, cost/pricing, earned value, contract negotiations, property and plant/equipment management and transportation interfaces with commercial and military distribution agencies and commands from the factory to the user, including supply and overhaul depots. He oversaw the assessment of the US domestic and off-shore industrial base, including production/technology capability analyses, single points of failure, investment strategies, and critical infrastructure requirements planning and policy development. He was responsible for 24/7 operations in 78 field offices in the U.S. and overseas including Iraq and Afghanistan prior to and during the wartime actions in those theaters. He participated as a member of the DoD Lean Aerospace Executive Council, advising on supplier base and production readiness. He served in an additional capacity as DoD's Program Executive Officer (PEO) for the Department's first ever standard, automated procurement system, fielded to all military services and defense agencies, linking suppliers with a user base of 43,000 worldwide.

After retiring from the Army, Mr. Harrington consulted with large, mid-tier, and small business clients, specializing in federal acquisition and contracting, supply chain and performance based logistics, quality management and technology development.

Mr. Harrington earned a BS in Management from Northeastern University, Boston, MA, and an MS in Contracting and Acquisition from the Florida Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Army's Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the University of Texas, Austin. He is a member of the Advocacy Committee of the National Contract Management Association.