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## Mark D. Bennington



### **Assistant Commander for Contracting Naval Supply Systems Command**

Mr. Mark D. Bennington is currently serving as NAVSUP Assistant Commander for Contracting. Prior to NAVSUP, Bennington served as Deputy Commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Southern Europe (SE) Contract Management Office where he was responsible for providing customer-focused contract management and program support across the entire spectrum of the defense system life cycle cost for European contract delegations including the Joint Strike Fighter, Ground Combat Vehicle, and C-27J Transport Aircraft.

Mr. Bennington has both bachelor's and master's degrees from Wright State University with an additional master's degree from Keller Graduate School of Management, and is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College.

His assignments include serving as the Executive Director for Acquisition Management at the Office of Naval Research (ONR). In that capacity, he served as the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) for ONR. He was responsible for management of all acquisition matters related to the execution of the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology programs. Prior to ONR, he was the Director of Contracts at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). While there, he assisted and advised the Agency Director on all acquisition issues pertaining to grants and other forms of non-procurement and innovative acquisition strategies and methods. Finally, he held Division level duties at the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Reconnaissance System Program Office (SPO), the C-17 SPO, and HQ Air Force Materiel Command Contracting Directorate while at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Mr. Bennington was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in December 2005.

His professional certifications include Contracting, Level III, Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP); Program Management, Level II, APDP; he is a National Contract Management Association Certified Professional Contract Manager and holds the designation of Fellow.