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## Steven A. Nickle



### **Director for Air ASW, Assault and Special Missions Programs, Contracts Department Naval Air Systems Command**

Mr. Nickle currently serves as the Director for Air ASW, Assault and Special Missions Programs Contracts Department, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), Patuxent River, Maryland. He is the senior procurement executive for the contractual management, execution and planning of 25 ACAT I-IV programs assigned to PEO(A). He has responsibility for a 130 person department performing business and contract functions in support of multiple aircraft and acquisition programs totaling \$73B. Principle products include the Presidential Executive transports VH-3D and VH-60, Marine Corps and Air Force V-22 Osprey Tilt-rotor aircraft, Navy P-8 Poseidon and P-3 Aircraft, Marine Corps Heavy Lift CH-53, Light Attack AH-1Z, Utility helicopter UH-1Y, C-40 Clipper, C-20 Executive Lift and KC-130J programs.

Mr. Nickle was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in May 2010 and has over 22 years of Federal Service.

From February 2007 to April 2010, Mr. Nickle served as the Assistant Program Manager for V-22 Contracts where he was responsible for all business and contractual activities supporting the V-22 Osprey Tilt-rotor aircraft program. Annual procurements for the V-22 Contracts Division exceeded \$2.5 billion. He led the V-22 multi-year negotiation team and awarded a five year contract for 167 aircraft worth \$10.4B.

From April 2006 to February 2007, Mr. Nickle served as the Division Head for multiple Navy and Marine Corps Aircraft programs within the Air ASW, Assault and Special Missions Programs Department. In this position, he was responsible for all contractual activity in support of the P-8 Poseidon, H-53 Heavy-Lift Helicopter, E-6B Mercury, AV-8B Harrier, T-34/44 Mentor/Pegasus trainers and T-45 Goshawk primary jet trainer aircraft.

From February 2005 to April 2006, Mr. Nickle was assigned as the Division Head for the Policy and Process Management Department within the contracts organization at NAVAIR. In this position he was responsible for all contractual policies and procedures for NAVAIR and its field activities which encompass approximately eight hundred (800) personnel across the United States.

From February 1995 to February 2005, Mr. Nickle served as the Contracting Officer for multiple major weapon system programs. Significant accomplishments include awarding an \$8.6B multi-year contract for the production of F/A-18 E/F airframes, a \$470M contract for the F/A-18 Integrated Readiness Support Team (FIRST) program and a \$600M Performance Based Logistics contract for F-414 Engines.

Mr. Nickle earned a bachelor's of science degree in economics and psychology from Towson State University and a master's of science degree in contract and acquisition management from the Florida Institute of Technology. Mr. Nickle is also a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program. He is a member of the DoD Acquisition Professional Community and is Level III certified in the Contracting Career Field. In February 2008, he also received the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.