



BIOGRAPHY



Mr. James P. Craft

James P. Craft, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Director for Information Enterprise Management and Chief Information Officer at the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency.

In this position he serves as principal advisor to the director on all matters related to information resource management. He leads the JIDA Information Enterprise, collaborating with all JIDA entities to ensure mission-critical information is visible, accessible and understandable to all authorized users in a trusted environment.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Craft served as the Deputy Director of the Command, Control, Communications and Computers Directorate and as the Deputy Chief Information Officer of the Marine Corps.

Beginning in September 2005, Mr. Craft was the senior telecommunications advisor of the Afghanistan Reconstruction Group for the U.S. State Department. In this role, he led all U.S. government reconstruction and development activities for the Afghan Information Communications Technology Sector (telecommunications and information technology). Mr. Craft organized U.S. efforts to focus disparate efforts from various U.S. government departments and agencies into a coordinated program that rapidly improved performance and focused U.S. investments. He established interagency and public/private sector working groups both in the United States and in Afghanistan. Additionally, both through these working groups and individually, he worked with international organizations, the government of Afghanistan, donor organizations and non-governmental organizations to implement results-oriented techniques derived from the business world and the government sector such as portfolio management, performance management and Six Sigma, a recognized public sector business management strategy. This collaborative approach helped make the ICT sector one of the leading success stories in Afghanistan during his tenure.

Prior to serving as senior telecommunications advisor, Mr. Craft was a director with PricewaterhouseCoopers leading technology engagements supporting the Department of Defense and other organizations.

Earlier, he was the chief information security officer for Raytheon's Intelligence and Information Systems Company. He led strategic information assurance, customer engagements and chaired the Raytheon Information Security and Information Management Technical Interest Group. He also served as an IT director for a \$1.1 billion business unit and sponsored a number of successful Six Sigma projects.

Prior to joining Raytheon in 2001, Mr. Craft led the creation of a new information assurance program at the U.S. Agency for International Development as the agency's information systems security officer. This program recently received an "A+" on its Federal Information Security Management Act assessment. He also chaired the Security Practices Subcommittee of the Federal CIO Council and the Best Security Practices pilot initiative, leading the development and implementation of various government-wide best security practices, such as certification and accreditation.

Previously, Mr. Craft lead security and information technology departments and teams with SRA International, Booz-Allen & Hamilton and Betac Corporation.

He holds a bachelors of science degree in business management from George Mason University. He is a graduate of the National Defense University's Information Resources Management College Advanced Management Program, with a chief information officer and the National Training Standard for Information System Security Professionals Instruction certificate, which was Mr. Craft's area of responsibility as member of the Committee on National Security Systems. He is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute Program for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Mr. Craft holds Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Information Systems Security Architecture, Engineering and Management Professional designations from the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium. He served on and led a series of National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee task force working groups.

Born at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in 1956, he is a fourth-generation Marine. He served as a U.S. Marine Corps communications officer with an infantry platoon and later as a logistics officer in the Marine Ready Reserves.