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Dr Schuette is the Director of Innovation at the Office of Naval Research (ONR) in Arlington, VA. He serves as the senior civilian responsible for Innovation at the Office of Naval Research. Dr. Schuette oversees the Innovative Naval Prototypes, Swamp Works projects, TechSolutions, Operations Analysis, and Experimentation. These are high risk/high payoff technology investments that are potentially "game changing" or "disruptive" in nature.

Dr Schuette entered the Senior Executive Service in July, 2007 and has spent 24 years as a civil servant supporting the Navy since 1983.

Prior to joining ONR, Dr. Schuette served as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research Development and Acquisition from September 2006 to July 2007. As a Special Assistant Dr. Schuette developed S&T policy and process recommendations on in-house RDT&E workforce issues.

Dr. Schuette also served as the Deputy Chairman of the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) Laboratory Board from March 2006 to September 2006. During that assignment, Dr. Schuette created the Science and Technology strategy used by JIEDDO to combat Improvised Explosive Devices.

From August 2003 to August 2005, Dr. Schuette headed the Innovative Systems Subgroup of the OSD Technical Joint Cross Service Group during Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005. Dr. Schuette was responsible for assessing and making recommendations on potential consolidation and closure of the research activities of the Department of Defense.

Dr. Schuette previously served in several key positions at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). He joined the Tactical Electronic Warfare Division at NRL leading a section in the Effectiveness of Naval Electronic Warfare Systems (ENEWS) Program Office from 1997 to 2003. He developed advanced RF Mission Planning systems and unmanned vehicles. as the Lead for the Innovative Systems Group. His work at NRL also included

serving as the Section Head in the Information Technology Division from 1993 until 1997. In this role Dr. Schuette advanced Semi-Automated Force software systems and transitioned active vibration control technology to the Aviation and Special Forces communities. He started his Navy career as a research scientist in the Acoustics Division of the NRL working on advanced signal processing and computer visualization.

He attended The Catholic University of America and graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Dr. Schuette completed his master's degree in electrical engineering in 1985. In 1995 Dr. Schuette received his Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America in electrical engineering. Dr. Schuette is a 2008-2009 MIT Center for International Studies Seminar XXI Fellow. Dr. Schuette is a Level III Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWAI) S&T Manager.

Dr. Schuette's awards include the Secretary of Defense's award for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Naval Unit Commendation and the Naval Meritorious Unit Commendation. He is a member of the National Defense Industry Association and the United States Naval Institute.