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Mr. Smith currently serves as the Director for the Above Water Sensors Directorate within the Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems. There he manages the efforts focused on planning, procuring and sustaining effective war fighting sensors, electronic warfare systems, missiles, guns, and ammunition systems for all U.S. Navy surface ships. He was selected for this position and Senior Executive Service in March 2010, after nearly 19 years of government civil service.

Most recently, Mr. Smith served as the Deputy Executive Director for Undersea Technology where he was responsible for transitioning science and technology projects, from the Office of Naval Research and Defense Applied Research Projects Agency, into submarine acquisition programs for current-day and future operational use. In a collateral capacity to this role, he served as both the Deputy Program Manager and Research and Development Manager for the OHIO Replacement Program where he developed the program's research and development plan, long range budget, and the acquisition strategy for the U.S. Navy's newest class of Ballistic Missile Submarines.

Mr. Smith graduated from Tuskegee University with a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering. Graduate-level academic studies include Environmental Engineering, Marine Engineering and Business Management.

He began his career in government civil service in 1991 at the Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, DC where he was an Engineer-In-Training. One year later, he began working for the VIRGINIA Class Submarine Program and over the next 13 years, Mr. Smith held positions as the program's Construction Manager, Test & Evaluation Manager, Environmental Manager, and the Cost Reduction and Producibility Manager with distinction and received 28 awards and recognitions for outstanding performance and leadership.

Most notably, in 2003, while serving as the Construction Manager for the first seven submarines of the VIRGINIA Class. Mr. Smith was responsible for managing all manufacturing efforts involved in getting each submarine built, through their initial at-sea tests, and delivered the U.S. Navy. Achievements included the satisfactory completion of the first submarine's construction

phase, four highly successful at-sea tests were conducted, and in October 2004 the first submarine of the class - *USS VIRGINIA (SSN 774)* - was delivered to the U.S. Navy.

In 2005, while serving as the Deputy Program Manager for the OHIO Class Submarine Guided Missile Conversion (SSGN) Program, Mr. Smith provided senior-level guidance and day-to-day direction in areas of the program that included, but were not limited to cost control, construction schedule adherence, submarine safety, producibility enhancements, strategic budgetary planning, and contract negotiations. In recognition of outstanding management and leadership he, along with the entire program office team, was awarded the Department of Defense David Packard Acquisition Excellence Award.

Mr. Smith also served on the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Shipbuilding Programs in a dual capacity as the Director for Submarines and the Director for Strategic Systems Programs. He was awarded the Navy's Civilian Meritorious Service Award in March 2007 for his leadership and strategic planning skill.

Along with being a member of the Acquisition Professional Community, Mr. Smith has three Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III Certifications. Certifications held in Program Management, Test & Evaluation and System Planning Research Development & Engineering.

In 2009, he was awarded the Blacks-In-Government - Department of Defense Civilian Meritrious Service Award.