



David A. Cotton

Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Enterprise

Mr. David A. Cotton is a member of the Senior Executive Service and serves as the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Enterprise, responsible for integrating DoD policy and guidance to create information advantages for Department personnel, organizations, and DoD mission partners. In this role, Mr. Cotton's focus is to provide the leadership, strategy, and guidance to adopt a Joint Information Enterprise (JIE) based on a single, secure, reliable DoD-wide IT architecture, and key enabling enterprise capabilities.

Mr. Cotton served in the US Air Force for 29 years with successful senior management experience in Defense cyber, telecommunications, and information technology. In his final military assignment he served as the Air Force Chief Information Officer's Director of Cyberspace Operations, the Air Force IT Efficiencies Strategist collaborating with the Department of Defense CIO leadership on the precursor to the Joint Information Environment, the Air Force Senior Information Assurance Officer, and the Functional Manager for the Air Force's 44,000-person Cyberspace Operations & Communications Career Field. Four times he served as the CIO and Director of Command, Control, Communications, & Computers for a military headquarters: U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany; U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia; U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Florida; and Joint Task Force – Southwest Asia.

Immediately after retiring as a Brigadier General from the US Air Force in 2011, Mr. Cotton was appointed a Vice President at TASC, Inc., in Chantilly, Virginia, and lead for their Cyber Center of Excellence. He holds a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa; a Master of Arts in computer data and personnel management from Webster University, St Louis, Missouri; and a Master of Arts in strategic studies from the U.S. Air Force Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is also a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, Toronto, Ontario; and has completed executive development courses at the US Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia; The Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, North Carolina; and The University of Virginia Darden School of Business Executive Education program, Charlottesville, Virginia.