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Associate Dean, Executive Programs, Requirements Management,
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Senior Acquisition, Requirements, International and Information Technology Professional with thirty five years experience in National Security; Strategic Systems Acquisition; Program Management; Information Systems; Special Operations; Life Cycle Management; Systems Engineering; Logistics; Testing; PPBE; Operations; Executive Management; Published Author and Speaker.

Mr. Wills leads the Defense Acquisition University's Executive, Requirements and International Training Portfolios. As Associate Dean for the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), he is responsible for a \$10M budget and 60+ faculty and staff members. Mr. Wills provides the strategic impetus for DSMC's Senior Level certification training portfolios. Over CY11-12, provided 1-on-1 (desk-side) training to the VCJCS, various Service Chiefs/Vice Chiefs, Combatant Commanders, and multiple Heads of Agencies (4 Star General Officers, Flag Officers, and Civilian Equivalents). His responsibility also includes the certification training for all PEO's/Deputy PEO's, ACAT I/II Program Managers/Deputy Program Managers within the Department of Defense. He developed and leads the congressionally mandated Requirements Certification Training Program. This Program has become the exemplar for all non-Defense Acquisition Workforce communities. Mr. Wills has become DAU's preeminent authority on JCIDS, Rapid Acquisition, and Requirements Management, as well as a mentor, lecturer, and teacher within DAU, Major Universities, and Industry Forums. .

Prior to joining DAU, Mr. Wills served as the Senior Program Manager and the Acquisition Subject Matter Expert within the Office of the Component Acquisition Executive, Defense Systems Information Agency (DISA). He provided acquisition oversight, expert advice, strategic direction/guidance, and implementation support for all emerging and high risk programs and initiatives (NECC, NCES, GEMISIS, MNIS, Expedited Virtual Network Operations (EVNO - Iraq), and the Future Computing Architecture (FCA) Initiative) within the DISA portfolio.

Mr. Wills served as a senior industry executive for 7 years at the MITRE Corporation. He developed and led a \$45M portfolio 115 person team distributed over ten locations to develop and implement the policy, strategic, operational, and systems engineering as the Portfolio Manager and Program Manager, Border Security and Enforcement Initiatives, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This portfolio included the \$3.5B dollar Secure Border Initiative and \$1.5B Dollar America Shields Initiative charged with the responsibility to provide electronic surveillance and detection at the U.S. borders. Additionally, he was the DISA Portfolio Manager which included the Net-Centric Enterprise Service Program (ACAT 1), the Defense Message System Program (ACAT 1), and the Information Dissemination Management Program.

Mr. Wills retired in July 1999 from the United States Marine Corps after 22 years commissioned service consisting of operational, major program and acquisition assignments. His operational assignments focused upon Special Operations Missions and Combined Joint Task Force environments. Selected acquisition assignments included directing the Department of the Navy \$35M annual portfolio for the strategic and tactical implementation of the Defense Message System within the Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard; Program Manager Sensitive Compartmented Programs; DISA DARPA JPO, Program Manager, \$75M Secretary of Defense Directed Bosnia C2 Augmentation Initiative, directing over 100+ government and contractor employees deploying a Worldwide Advanced Information Systems Network linking operations and intelligence production via a commercial satellite infrastructure. The products were utilized in support of the National Command Authority, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, and Operational Commanders in the field to distribute time critical information (intelligence, real-time video, weather, medical, reprioritize allocation of bandwidth), for

verification of the peace accord and high profile threats. Program lead for DISA's efforts within the Central Imagery Offices Accelerated Architecture Acquisition Initiative (A3I), producing a timely and smooth transition from DSNET-1 to the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network. Mr. Wills' efforts ensured responsive online tactical intelligence/imagery was available to the warfighter at a 70% reduction in costs and deployed 18 months ahead of schedule. These efforts were critical to the implementation of the Trojan Program and the Global Command and Control System; Co-authored the Defense Commercial SATCOM Network General Purpose Service Architecture Description which paved the way to maximize force projection through the utilization of commercial satellites. Spearheaded the Congressionally directed \$15M Commercial Satellite Communications Initiative to plan National Strategy for the use of commercial satellites to support the warfighter in force projection deployments. Mr. Wills implemented the \$30M operational pilot which employed state-of-the-art commercial satellite communications technology through a streamlined acquisition methodology. The Program supported numerous operations to include Operation Joint Endeavor and the peace keeping accord in Bosnia; Program Manager and Deputy Program Manager, \$2.3B WWMCCS ADP Modernization JPO. In this role he directed the efforts of 100+ military and government civilians and 300+ contractor employees rebaselining the legacy program and deploying an operational capability to the field and Head \$875M Unit Level Circuit Switch Program, United States Marine Corps. Mr. Wills developed and fielded (acquisition, logistics, testing, and full life cycle management and sustainment) for the next generation of tactical switches for DoD.

EDUCATION

Graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in 2008; the Executive Program Managers Course (PMT 402), DAU in 2006; the MIT Sloan School of Management Executive Series 1999; MS, Contracts and Acquisition Management, Florida Institute of Technology, 1988; MS, Information Systems, George Washington University, 1995 (Distinguished Graduate); Command and Staff University, 1991; DAU Program Managers Course (20 wk course), 1989; Advanced Communications Officers Course (Honorman), Quantico, 1986; Management, Golden Gate University, 1986; Basic Communications Officers School (Honorman), Quantico, 1979; The Basic School, Quantico, and a BA, Sociology concentration in Math and Criminal Justice, Kings College, 1978.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

Mr. Wills holds the following Level III Certifications within the acquisition career field: Designated Acquisition Management Professional; Program Manager; Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering (SPRDE); Test and Evaluation; Information Technology and SPRDE for S&T Managers.

AWARDS, HONORS, Special Accomplishments:

2008 Published AT&L magazine on Requirements Management; MITRE Presidents Special Program Recognition Award (Dec 2005); MITRE Director's Award (Sept 2005); Letter of Appreciation, University of Virginia (2005); Spot Award Sept 2004; W200, for NCES (July 2004); Letter of Appreciation on NCES from Director, DISA (July 2004); MITRE Vice President and General Managers Award (May 2004); MITRE SPOT Award (Nov 2003); Distinguished Young AFCEAN 1986; AFCEA Award as Honorman for Advanced Communications Officer Course; AFCEA Award as Honorman for Basic Communications Officer Course; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Guest Lecturer, University of Virginia; Guest Lecturer, The Burtons Catalyst Conference; Published CHIPS Magazine on DMS and the Naval Intelligence Community 1999; Published in IEEE on Satellite Communications 1993; Published in Signal Magazine on Data Communications 1986; Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/first Oak leaf Cluster (2nd Award); Meritorious Service Medal w/second Gold Star (3rd Award); Joint Service Commendation Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster (3rd Award); Navy Commendation Medal; Joint Service Achievement Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster (2nd Award); Navy Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon w/2nd Oak Leaf Cluster (3rd Award); Certificate of Appreciation 2nd Award; Letter of Appreciation (2nd Award)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

AFCEA Member Washington Potomac Chapter (Life Member); Disabled American Veteran (DAV) (Life Member); Military Retired Officers Association (Life Member); Marine Corps Association (MCA), (Life Member); MOAA, Knights of Columbus