

## **Mr. William Mounts**

### **Director, International and Commercial Systems Acquisition and DoD Change Management Center (CMC)**

The Director, International and Commercial Systems Acquisition and DoD Change Management Center (CMC) serves as the principal advisor to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform concerning these two areas and is responsible for directing the development of new and innovative legislative and regulatory reform approaches concerning international systems acquisition, armaments cooperation, the acquisition of commercial items or components, and the use of commercial practices within the Department. In functioning as the Office of the Secretary of Defense's commercial advocate, Mr. Mounts not only negotiated successfully with Congress, on behalf of the Administration, for the commercial contracting provisions contained in the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 and the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996, but also continues to oversee the Department's Commercial Advocates Forum ([www.acq.osd.mil/ar/cadv.htm](http://www.acq.osd.mil/ar/cadv.htm)) and CMC ([www.acq.osd.mil/ar/cmc](http://www.acq.osd.mil/ar/cmc)).

Since 1994, Mr. Mounts has also led efforts by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) in establishing enterprise acquisition metrics and benchmarking initiatives, by chairing the Pilot Program Consulting Group, the DoD Regulatory Cost Premium Working Group, and the Acquisition Reform Benchmarking Group. These successive efforts culminated in 1997, when DoD Acquisition was designated a National Performance Review Reinvention High Impact Agency, with Mr. Mounts being named the Office of the Secretary of Defense's focal point for the Year 2000 Acquisition Goals.

Prior to this Senior Executive Service appointment by President Clinton, Mr. Mounts served with the Section 800 Acquisition Law Advisory Panel (Task Force) which rendered an eight volume "Report on Streamlining Defense Acquisition Laws" to the U.S. Congress in January 1993. While previously serving on active duty with the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, Mr. Mounts acted as Principal Legal Advisor, International Programs, to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Engineering, and Systems, as Navy Representative to the NATO Group on Acquisition Practices (AC/313), and as a designated Weapons System Acquisition Manager. During his career in the private sector, he has been a businessman and attorney, and has lectured at various universities and institutions including the Defense Systems Management College.

In addition to his bachelors degree in business administration and Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri - Kansas City, Mr. Mounts received his Master of Laws degree from the University of Washington and is currently completing a Doctor of Juridical Science degree at the George Washington University National Law Center. Mr. Mounts is married with four children.