



Secretary Cohen Appoints DARPA Director

Secretary of Defense William Cohen today announced the appointment of Fernando L. Fernandez as the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The agency is the principal organization within the Department of Defense for research, development and demonstration of concepts, devices, and systems that provide highly advanced military capabilities. As Director, Fernandez will manage the Agency's high-payoff, innovative research and development projects.

Fernandez comes to the Department from AETC Inc., a small, applied research organization he founded in 1994, where he served as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The company specializes in the use of advanced processing technologies to improve the detection, localization, and identification of hidden objects underwater and underground.

Prior to his involvement with AETC, Fernandez was President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Areté Associates, a company he founded in 1976. From 1975 to 1976, he was a Vice President with Physical Dynamics Inc., and, prior to that, was a Program Manager with R&D Associates, where he directed the first ocean measurements that demonstrated radar detection of internal wave surface effects. From 1963 to 1972, Fernandez worked for the Aerospace Corp.

Fernandez is a member of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, is listed in *Who's Who in Science*, and is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

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