

PRESIDENT NOMINATES
JOHN YOUNG
AS PENTAGON'S PRINCIPAL DEPUTY FOR ACQUISITION



The President has submitted to the Senate the nomination of John J. Young Jr., of Georgia, to be the Pentagon's second-in-charge defense acquisition executive. The nomination was forwarded to the Senate on Jan. 23, 2004. When confirmed by the Senate, Young would become the principal deputy under secretary of defense (acquisition, technology and logistics), a position previously occupied by Michael Wynne, who is the current acting under secretary of defense (acquisition, technology and logistics).

Young is currently the assistant secretary of the Navy (research, development and acquisition). He has served as the Navy's service acquisition executive (SAE) since

July 2001, overseeing crucial ACAT I programs such as the Virginia-class submarine, DD(X) destroyer, and Littoral Combat Ship. Prior to his Pentagon job as the Navy SAE, Young was a staff member for the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee where he served as the staff analyst for a variety of Defense Department research, development, test and evaluation programs as well as environmental restoration and compliance programs.

Young earned a bachelor's degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and a master's in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University.