



Dr. James I. Finley

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology

Dr. James I. Finley was confirmed as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology (A&T) by the U.S. Senate in March 2006. In this role, he presides over policies that govern acquisition and procurement in the Department of Defense (DoD). He also advises the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) on acquisition matters and technology integration and protection.

Dr. Finley came to DoD in his current role after 30 years in the private sector, where he held various positions of increasing responsibility for General Electric, Singer, Lear Siegler, United Technologies and General Dynamics. He served in key positions on General Dynamic's leadership team, including Corporate Officer, President of Information Systems and Chair of the Business Development Council, before founding his own business-consulting company, The Finley Group, LLC, in 2002.

Dr. Finley's private-sector experience spans air, land, sea and space programs for DoD. He has also made significant contributions to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Automatic Surface Detection Radar System and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Space Shuttle Program. He also performed a variety of functions on systems and subsystems, including: mission analysis; design, development and deployment of weapon delivery; flight control; navigation; information management; command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR); battle space management and chemical/biological defense systems. Additionally, Dr. Finley has extensive private-sector experience working on Joint programs, including the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System and the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System.

Dr. Finley holds a bachelor of science in Electrical Engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and he earned an MBA from California State University, Fresno. The Milwaukee School of Engineering also awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering.

In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Finley is the recipient of numerous professional performance awards including: the Boeing Gold Certification Award, the Honeywell Preferred Supplier Award, Northrop Grumman Blue Achievement, Lockheed Martin Best in Class Rating, the Defense Security Service "Outstanding Achievement" Award, the George Westinghouse Award, the 2007 Tibbetts Award, the California State University "2007 Top Alumni Award", the David D. Acker "Skills in Communication" Award and most recently, National Defense Industrial Association's "Lt. General Tom Ferguson Award for Systems Engineering Excellence."

