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Mr. Kratz is the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics Plans and Programs), within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness). As such, he is responsible for guiding the DoD's logistics transformation to meet the operational requirements of the 21st Century. Mr. Kratz oversees DoD's long-range logistics planning to meet the requirements of the Quadrennial Defense Review and Joint Vision 2020. Mr. Kratz leads DoD's implementation of Total Life Cycle Systems Management and Performance-Based Logistics, including acquisition logistics policy development, career development, and oversight of major weapon systems. Mr. Kratz is the Defense Standardization Executive and co-chair of the Focused Logistics Functional Capabilities Board.

TASC (1984-1998):

Mr. Kratz served as the Director of Life Cycle Integration at TASC, focusing on weapon system acquisition, acquisition reform, and information resource management. Mr. Kratz was an initial contributor to the CITIS specification and cost/benefit guidelines. Mr. Kratz also directed TASC's support to the OSD Acquisition Reform Office and the FAA Acquisition Policy Office including policy development, metrics, cost/benefit analyses, and best practices assessments. Previously, Mr. Kratz directed detailed acquisition strategy analyses for the ACM, SFW, RAJPO, V-22, D-5, Stinger PMS, FOG-M, and Aquila programs. These efforts involved cost/benefit analyses of alternative strategies, tooling indemnification, subcontract management, and breakout.

Sears World Trade (1983-1984) - As an associate at Sears World Trade, Mr. Kratz was the principal author of **Establishing Competitive Production Sources: A Handbook for Program Managers**, prepared for the Defense Systems Management College. Mr. Kratz also prepared an integrated logistic support plan for the Canadian Low Level Air Defense System.

TASC (1980-1983) - As an acquisition analyst, Mr. Kratz conducted cost/benefit analyses of alternative acquisition strategies for AMRAAM and GPS. He also provided analytic support to the Air Force Affordable Acquisition Approach (A³) Study and the Air Force Contract Management Review.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

National Defense Industries Association
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EDUCATION:

M.A., Economics, Georgetown University, 1983
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