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Dr. Oscar joined the Fluor Corporation as Vice President for Strategy on April 1, 2002. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of SAAB Baracuda LLC. Dr. Oscar served as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) from January 21, 2001 to March 30, 2002. He served as the Acting Administrator for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB, Executive Office of the President from June 2000 to January 2001.

Dr. Oscar became the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement in June 1995. In this position, he was responsible for oversight and policy of all Army Procurement, Acquisition Reform, Industrial Base Advocacy, and proponent for the contracting career field. From May 1997 to June 1998, Dr. Oscar served as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition).

Prior to coming to Army Headquarters, Dr. Oscar served as the Army Materiel Command Principal Deputy for Acquisition. He came to HQ AMC in 1994 from the U.S. Army Tank-automotive Command (TACOM), where he served as TACOM's Deputy Commander for Research, Development and Engineering as well as Director of TACOM's Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC).

During Operation Desert Storm, Dr. Oscar was appointed as TACOM's Deputy Commander for Procurement and Readiness while GEN James Monroe served in Southwest Asia from August 1990 to June 1991. In this position, he led a successful effort to provide billions of dollars of vehicle spares and maintenance, resulting in extraordinary readiness rates for Army ground vehicles.

As TARDEC's Director, Dr. Oscar led the center to be the Army's first winner of the Federal Quality Institute's Quality Improvement Prototype Award. He also established the National Automotive Center, TARDEC University, and the Michigan Automotive Institute. Under his leadership, TARDEC created the virtual prototyping process, fielded the Army's first digital vehicle (the Abrams M1A2 tank).

Dr. Oscar has served in numerous other Army positions including Associate Technical Director for Research and Development at the U.S. Army Troop Support Command, Director of the Combat Engineering Laboratory at the Belvoir Research and Development Center and Project Manager for several programs, including countermine equipment, tactical bridging and unconventional weapons. Dr. Oscar entered civilian service from United Aircraft.

Dr. Oscar holds a B.S. in Physics from Clarkson University, as well as an M.S. and Ph.D. in Physics from American University. He is a member of numerous professional societies, including the New York and Virginia Academies of Sciences. He has published more than 55 papers; many in international scientific journals.

His awards include two Presidential Rank Awards, The Vice President Hammer Award, Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Packard Award, and the Excellence in Acquisition Award, Department of the Army Decorations for Exceptional Civilian Service, three Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, two Commander's Awards for Civilian Service, the Superior Civilian Service Award, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Sigma XI's Scientific Achievement Award.

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