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Richard K. Sylvester is the Deputy Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis for Property and Equipment Policy. Mr. Sylvester is responsible for development and issuance of property and equipment accountability policy, for accounting and reporting the valuation of military equipment supporting the Department's effort to achieve a clean audit opinion in 2007, and for developing a military equipment property accountability system within the business management modernization system.

Prior to assuming his current duties, Mr. Sylvester led the Acquisition Workforce and Career Management Office. In that capacity, he was responsible for implementing, and streamlining, the Defense Workforce Improvement Act of 1989, for creating programs to solve acquisition workforce issues, for managing the Civilian Acquisition Workforce Demonstration Project, and for developing outreach and communications strategies to explain and begin the institutionalization of new initiatives and policies.

From 1993 to 2002, Mr. Sylvester served in the Acquisition Initiatives Office and its predecessor, the Acquisition Reform Office. In Acquisition Initiatives/Acquisition Reform, Mr. Sylvester addressed issues regarding systems acquisition oversight and review reform to include implementing portions of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 and Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996. He led the team that rewrote the DoD 5000 acquisition policy documents in 1996, 2000, and developed the interim 2002 guidance and led development of the Defense Acquisition Deskbook.

From 1988 until 1993, Mr. Sylvester worked for the Defense Acquisition Board Executive Secretary where he was responsible for defense acquisition policy, including the rewrite of DoD 5000 documents in 1991, and monitoring assigned major defense acquisition programs.

From 1974 to 1988, Mr. Sylvester worked in various acquisition and comptroller positions in the U.S. Army. These positions included three years on the staff of the Program Manager, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems; four years working for U.S. Army Europe, and 7th Army; three years on the staff of Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and time at both the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command and U.S. Army Missile Command. He also spent a year as a Fellow on the staff of U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan).

Mr. Sylvester received a Meritorious Presidential Rank award in 1999, has received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award four times, has received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, and has received the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence.

Mr. Sylvester received a B.A. in Political Science with Honors from the University of Michigan and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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