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Mr. Christopher Mayer is the Director, Contingency Contractor Standards Compliance in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Support). His primary responsibility is to develop policy and manage Department-level oversight for private security contractors (PSCs) supporting United States contingency operations. His duties include acting as United States Government Technical Representative in the development of industry standards for PSCs and U.S. Government technical advisor for the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers. More recently, this portfolio was expanded to include integration of human rights and anti-human trafficking policy into United States contingency contracting.



Prior to his retirement from the United States Army in 2009, then-Colonel Mayer served under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Security Affairs, where he was responsible for developing integrated approaches to post-conflict or disaster relief and recovery. He also represented the United States Government in drafting the Montreux Document for good practices regarding Private Military and Security Companies.

Previous duty assignments include Senior United States Military Observer and Chief of Civil-Military Coordination to the United Nations Mission in Liberia (2007-2008); Chief of Staff for the Defense Reconstruction Support Office (2005-2007); and Chief of Staff, Iraq Program Management Office (2004-2005), responsible for the Coalition Provisional Authority-managed reconstruction of Iraq. In this capacity, he established an operations center to centrally manage Private Security Company support of reconstruction. He holds Master's Degrees from the University of Louisville and the Army War College and is a graduate of the United States Air Force Air War College. A career armored cavalry officer, Mr. Mayer is also qualified in Civil Affairs and certified in Defense acquisition and emergency management – including qualification as a search and rescue pilot.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Superior Civilian Service Award; Commander's Award for Civilian Service; Commander's Award for Public Service; and the United Nations Medal.