

Craig J. Price

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Mr. Craig J. Price serves as the Director of Contingency Program Management to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Support). He is responsible for developing and providing policy and oversight for an emerging concept, Contingency Program Management, within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The concept's mutually reinforcing goals are to: a) broaden and strengthen opportunities to bring together U.S. and international governmental and non-governmental and military organizations for civilian and military teaming efforts to highlight global options to better achieve unified action (e.g. unity of effort), and b) reduce the incidence and/or scale of deploying US military forces during contingencies or humanitarian assist / disaster response operations. He also has policy oversight responsibilities within the DASD (Program Support) staff for Security Force Assistance, Irregular Warfare, the Joint Capabilities Integration Development System (JCIDS) and Defense Planning Guidance.



He has a vast amount of experience working in the private sector as an analyst and project lead. A retired Air Force colonel, he also served as a program manager, operations, logistics, and contracting officer, and analyst on the Joint Staff. Previous assignments include working two command tours overseas; first in US Central Command (2003-05), with a dual mission: a) stability operations with various US Embassy Offices of Defense Cooperation, and b) the contingency acquisition mission in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa; second in US Pacific Command (2005-08), with similar responsibilities partnering with PACOM allies, including contingency duty in Southern Philippines.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and was commissioned in 1980. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Dayton Ohio, in 1984 and one in National Security Strategy from the National War College, Washington D.C., in 1999. Mr. Price is also a graduate of the National Defense University's Advanced Program Management Course and is certified in contracting and program management.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (2 awards); Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards); Joint Expeditionary Service Medal, and the Department of the Air Force's Parachutist Rating.