

James P. Woolsey

Deputy Director for Performance Assessments

James P. Woolsey is the Deputy Director for Performance Assessments (PA) in the office of Performance Assessments and Root Cause Analyses (PARCA). In this position, Mr. Woolsey is responsible for PARCA's statutory role of carrying out performance assessments of Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAP), and for helping the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics maintain situational awareness of the execution status of the MDAP portfolio.

Mr. Woolsey is the first Deputy Director for Program Assessment, which effectively stood up with his April 2010 arrival. He created the processes and practices that allow the PA division to perform its duties, has made a substantial impact on the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary process and has supervised 17 MDAP performance assessments.

Mr. Woolsey was previously an Assistant Director in the Cost Analysis and Research Division of the Institute for Defense Analyses. His responsibilities included management of the division's cost research program, and leadership of a wide range of cost and acquisition studies including a congressionally directed cost benefit analysis of the F-35 alternate engine, an evaluation of KC-46A lease prices, C-5 re-engining costs and benefits, F-22 production readiness, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile costs, and space launch alternatives. Mr. Woolsey also served on a Defense Science Board Task Force on long-range strike.

Mr. Woolsey's other previous positions include service as a structures engineer for F/A-18 aircraft at Naval Air Systems Command, and work as a structures engineer for Lockheed Martin airlift programs in Marietta, GA.

Mr. Woolsey has a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's in business administration from George Mason University and was a Fellow in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI on International Relations.

