

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)

Peter J. Potochney Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Basing



Peter Potochney began his Department of Defense civilian employment in 1984 as the Deputy Director of the Installations Assistance Office-East, Marietta, GA, responsible for installation management issues. In 1986, he transferred to the Pentagon and worked in both the installation and acquisition management areas. In 1989, he was selected to join the newly formed Base Closure and Utilization Directorate where he first served as an Assistant Director, principally responsible for Navy and Marine Corps issues associated with the selection and implementation of closures and realignments. Mr. Potochney became the Director of the Base Closure office as it completed the 1995 selection process.

In January 1996, after completion of the BRAC 95 selection process, Mr. Potochney became the Director of Housing. In this capacity, his responsibilities included DoD-wide policy development and oversight of issues related to the operation and ownership of both government and private sector housing serving the needs of the military. He also remained responsible for policy development associated with base realignment and closure issues.

In 2002, upon authorization of the BRAC 2005 round, Mr. Potochney became the Director, Base Realignment and Closure, responsible for policy development and oversight of the analysis supporting the BRAC 2005 round. In November 2008, Mr. Potochney was named Director of the newly-formed Basing Directorate. The Directorate is responsible for completion of the BRAC recommendations, U.S. and overseas basing, and real estate.

Mr. Potochney received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ, in 1975 and a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1983.

Mr. Potochney served on active duty in the US Navy, receiving his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1976. His active duty service included afloat tours as the Supply Officer of two destroyers. Additionally, he served as the Assistant Director of Contracts, Defense Contract Management Area, Hartford, CT, and as a Logistics Plans Officer on the staff of the US Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, Honolulu, HI.

Mr. Potochney resides in Springfield, VA, with his wife and son.