



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Brian Burns

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Brian P. Burns, a member of the Senior Executive Service, leads Office of Information Security and is the Chief Information Security Officer responsible for information security across the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Burns also performs the functions of the joint Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office (DoD/VA IPO) Deputy Director. In this position, Mr. Burns provides leadership, oversight, and management in collaboration with the DoD Director and the joint clinical community for implementation of national health data standards in the development and implementation of interoperable electronic health records systems and capabilities.



Mr. Burns entered federal civil service in 1997 as a member of the Senior Executive Service with more than 13 years of commercial information management, technology and product development experience. He served in multiple information management, technology, and cyberspace executive positions within the Departments of Defense, Air Force, Navy; Education; Interior; Health and Human Services; and Treasury Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Burns provided executive and technical leadership, direction, and oversight for identification of short- and long-term IT agency goals; IT strategic planning and policy development and execution; IT workforce planning; Information Resources Management governance; IT capital planning and investment control, investment management; information assurance, cybersecurity and privacy; enterprise architecture; program management; system life cycle and project management; web/application development; enterprise infrastructure operations, protection, optimization and construction; and international activities to improve warfighter capabilities. At the DoD, Mr. Burns directed initiatives to integrate IT networks, infrastructure, and information within the global environment and DoD components. He has been an active member and leader in the Federal CIO community in areas of IT workforce management, information assurance, cybersecurity, cloud computing security, Web 2.0, Internet Protocol version 6, infrastructure optimization and strategic planning.

In the course of his career, Mr. Burns has received numerous awards and citations, most notably the *Department of the Air Force Award for Meritorious Civilian Service*; the *E-Gov Technology Leadership Award*; the *2005 Federal Computer Week Fed 100 Award*; the *Federal CIO Council Showcase of Excellence Award*, and the *Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service*.

Mr. Burns graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering from Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, in 1985, and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in psychology for human factors engineering, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, in 1992.