



Mario N. Wilson

Assistant Administrator of Acquisition Program Management

Mario Wilson has more than 30 years of experience demonstrating leadership, strategic planning, and application of technical skills related to program and project management, test and evaluation, systems engineering, and organizational management.

In March 2020, Mario Wilson was appointed as the Assistant Administrator of Acquisition Program Management (APM) and the Component Acquisition Executive (CAE) at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Previously, he served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator of APM. As the Assistant Administrator, Mario is responsible for leading over 600 acquisition and technical professionals in the acquisition of goods and services valued at nearly \$1 billion annually, maintaining over 16,000 security screening systems, and leading multiple acquisition programs. As the CAE, Mario is responsible for the oversight and governance of acquisition programs and acquisition workforce certification disciplines across the entire agency. Prior to his most recent assignments, Mario served as Director of TSA's Checkpoint Solutions and Integration Division (CSID), where he functioned as the Program Manager of the Passenger Screening Program and directed the activities of the Security Technology Integrated Program. He was responsible for the development, test, procurement, deployment, installation, sustainment, network integration, recapitalization, and disposal of checkpoint-related Transportation Security Equipment across approximately 440 federalized airports. In his role, he was responsible for the full acquisition life cycle of the security screening equipment used to screen passengers and their accessible property for explosive threats and prohibited items. Prior to serving as the Director of the CSID, he served as Director of TSA's Checked Baggage Technologies Division and the Program Manager of the Electronic Baggage Screening Program, where he was responsible for the full acquisition life cycle of security screening equipment used to screen checked baggage for explosive threats.

Prior to joining TSA, Mario served as a program manager at the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate; senior project manager at the Department of Defense's Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Organization; and senior project and crisis manager at Verizon Business supporting the Social Security Administration. He also served sixteen years in the United States Navy, where he completed four combat tours as a naval aviator and one combat tour with the United States Army Infantry as an Electronic Warfare Officer conducting critical Counter-IED operations.

Mario holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the United States Naval Academy, a Master of Science degree in Leadership and Human Resources Development from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Master's Certificate in Project Management from Regis University.

Mario's professional awards and recognitions include the 2014 DHS Program Manager of the Year, the 2015 TSA Employee of the Year, the 2017 Airport Consultants Council Agency Best Practices Award, and the 2018 TSA Core Values Award. His military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, and the Strike Leadership Award.