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C. Brett Simms is the Director of the Capital Asset Management Service (CAMS), Office of Asset Enterprise Management (OAEM), within VA's Office of Management. Mr. Simms assumed this leadership role in December 2010 after spending more than a decade in the private sector as a business and information management consultant. With nearly twenty years of experience in various aspects of capital planning, asset management, business process engineering, and management information systems, Mr. Simms plays a crucial role in developing and implementing Departmental level capital asset and real property policy.

VA's real property portfolio is one of the largest in the Federal government. Mr. Simms is responsible for managing this vast portfolio at the enterprise level and has been responsible for fundamental changes in how VA plans for, executes, and monitors its portfolio. In 2010, he established VA's first portfolio management function to monitor real property performance through its lifecycle. The establishment of this performance monitoring function led to significant opportunities for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of VA's real property holdings. In addition, Mr. Simms was instrumental in establishing VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP) process, which serves as VA's long range capital planning process and drives department-wide decisions on multiple capital and leasing programs. Mr. Simms' efforts and responsibilities help to ensure that capital investments fully support VA's mission and strategic goals. He has accomplished this by employing strategic vision, managing VA's inventory effectively, making prudent investments, measuring performance, and disposing or reusing assets that are no longer needed.

CAMS has primary responsibility for developing and promulgating the governance policies, processes, decision-making, and performance measuring systems related to the Department's real property portfolio. These responsibilities include coordinating the SCIP process, disposal and reuse planning for the portfolio, and oversight of various capital and reuse programs. As part of its portfolio management role, CAMS also is responsible for all Federal Real Property Profile reporting requirements and similar real property initiatives such as Reduce the Footprint.

Mr. Simms participates as a key member on Federal interagency and White House task forces, committees and councils that cover all aspects of effective management of real property and capital assets in the Federal government. Mr. Simms also serves as the key liaison to the General Services Administration related to the delegation process for real property leases, as well as interfacing with the Office of Management and Budget, the Government Accountability Office, and Congress on VA real property and capital programs.

Mr. Simms and his staff work collaboratively with partners within all areas of VA to ensure a consistent and cohesive enterprise approach to capital asset portfolio management, enabling VA to meet the health care, benefits, and burial needs of Veterans now and in the future.

Mr. Simms entered Federal service in 2009 as a management analyst, assuming leadership of CAMS less than two years later. Prior to entering Federal service, Mr. Simms worked as a business and information management consultant supporting both private and public sector customers on a wide range of management issues. He holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from West Virginia University and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University.