Rob C. Thomas II

Mr. Rob C. Thomas II serves as the Acting Assistant Secretary and Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information and Technology (OI&T). He oversees the day-to-day activities of VA's $4 billion IT budget and more than 16,000 government and contract personnel to ensure that VA has the IT tools and services needed to support our Nation's Veterans. Mr. Thomas previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for OI&T's Enterprise Program Management Office, directing all aspects of the portfolio, program, and project management process and providing strategic leadership over all software development, testing, delivery, and sustainment.

Before coming to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Mr. Thomas served as Deputy Chief Information Officer and Acting Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Washington, D.C. He had oversight responsibilities for all FEMA information systems including governance, planning, budgeting, engineering, development, security and operations. Prior to this, Mr. Thomas was Vice President of Enterprise Transformation for Accenture LLC. Other roles include Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration and Deputy CIO, Department of the Air Force, and Executive Director, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Additionally, he served as an adjunct professor at Cal State teaching systems engineering. He is both Federal (CEU) and DoD certified enterprise architect.

Mr. Thomas' notable awards include the VA Secretary's ICARE Award (2016); the Hall of Fame, Enterprise Architecture, FEAC and John Zachman (2013); Lifetime Achievement Award, Enterprise Architecture, FEAC and Digital Government Institute (2010); Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service (2006); Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award (2005); and Federal 100 (2000).

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2016 – Present: Acting Assistant Secretary of Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC
2015 – 2016: Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington DC
2012 – 2015: Deputy Chief Information Officer and Acting CIO, FEMA, Washington, DC
2008 – 2012: Vice President, Enterprise Transformation, Accenture LLC, Arlington, VA
2008 – 2008: Chief Architect, Next Generation Air Travel for United States, JPDO Office, Washington, DC
2006 – 2008: Executive Director, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX
2002 – 2006: Principal Deputy Chief Information Officer and Deputy Chief, Warfighting Integration, Department of Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC

EDUCATION:

2007: Executive Seminar in National and International Security, Harvard University
2005: Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO
2004: National Security Decision Making Seminar, Johns Hopkins and Syracuse Universities
2002: Leadership for a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, VA
2000: Program for Senior Executive Fellows, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
1996: Master of Science degree in information systems management, Colorado Tech University
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