

## Matthew James Manning – Biography



Mr. Matthew J. Manning serves as the Head of Contracting Activity for the Veterans Benefits Administration. In this role he is responsible for the procurement and acquisition functions in direct response to VBA strategic goals and objectives. Mr. Manning advises VBA management and contracting officers on matters pertaining to all aspects of contracting actions, including acquisition planning, contract execution & procedures, and policy interpretation. His team provides acquisition support and services to customers VBA-wide.

Mr. Manning is a seasoned Supervisory Contract Specialist with over 15 years of federal contracting experience. He began his federal career at the Federal Highway Administration in 2003 and has provided contracting support to program offices at the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, and Department of Education. He most recently served as the Chief of the Contracting Office at the Department of Education where his team supported the operational functions of the agency, including the entire IT infrastructure of the Department.

Mr. Manning is a graduate of Iowa State University of Science and Technology where he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. Prior to his federal service, he worked in private industry where he owned and operated a small landscaping firm. He lives in Westminster, Maryland with his wife and two sons, and he is the Assistant Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 395.