

Mr. Peter Potochney

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment

Mr. Peter Potochney began his Department of Defense civilian employment in 1984 as the Deputy Director of the Installations Assistance Office-East, Marietta, GA, responsible for installation management issues. In 1986, he transferred to the Pentagon and worked in installation and acquisition management areas. In 1989, he was selected to join the newly formed Base Closure and Utilization Directorate where he first served as an Assistant Director, principally responsible for Navy and Marine Corps issues associated with the selection and implementation of closures and realignments. Mr. Potochney became the Director of the Base Closure office, transitioning the 1995 selection process to its implementation phase.



In January 1996, Mr. Potochney became the Director of Housing, working to revitalize the Department's housing through direct investment and privatization.

In 2002, upon authorization of the BRAC 2005 round, Mr. Potochney became the Director, Base Realignment and Closure, responsible for policy development and oversight of the analysis supporting that effort. In November 2008, Mr. Potochney was named Director of the newly-formed Basing Directorate responsible for policy and initiatives related to DoD's management of its installations, worldwide.

In 2016, Mr. Potochney was selected as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment (EI&E). From December 2015 through August 2017 he performed the duties of and was designated as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (EI&E). Mr. Potochney then became the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Real Property and BRAC and in 2018 he assumed the position of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of Sustainment upon the merger of the former EI&E and Logistics & Materiel Readiness organizations.

Mr. Potochney received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ, in 1975 and a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1983.

Mr. Potochney served on active duty in the US Navy, receiving his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1976. His active duty service included afloat tours as the Supply Officer of two destroyers. Additionally, he served as the Assistant Director of Contracts, Defense Contract Management Area, Hartford, CT, and as a Logistics Plans Officer on the staff of the US Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, Honolulu, HI.