Biography of Mr. Richard Keegan

Richard Keegan was appointed as NASA's Associate Administrator for Mission Support on August 11, 2013. The Mission Support Directorate enables program and institutional capabilities to conduct NASA's aeronautics and space activities. As the directorate's associate administrator, Keegan is responsible for most NASA management operations, including human capital management, Headquarters operations, agency operations, the NASA Shared Services Center, strategic infrastructure, cross-agency support and construction and environmental compliance and restoration.

Additionally, Keegan has been serving as NASA's Associate Deputy Administrator since December, 2010. The Associate Deputy Administrator assists and supports NASA's Deputy Administrator and Administrator during day-to-day Agency operations, across the broad scope of institutional and workforce issues, as well as with contingency and continuity of operations planning. Previously, Keegan served as Deputy Associate Administrator of the Mission Support Directorate since its creation in April, 2010. For the prior four years he was Director of NASA's Office of Program and Institutional Integration. In those roles, he served as the focal point for balancing priorities for mission directorates, mission support offices and field Centers for the Agency.



Since coming to NASA Headquarters in 2002, Keegan has served in senior business management positions in mission directorate and mission support offices. He also worked in a variety of jobs during 21 years at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., NASA Headquarters and the Department of Energy. He began his Federal service in June, 1980. Prior to that, he was a junior high school science teacher for two years. He has degrees in biological sciences and secondary education from the University of Maryland.