

Bill James

CAREER SUMMARY

Mr. James' background is unique - combining IT expertise, broad private sector experience, deep understanding of the Federal civil service, and current insights into VA's IT challenges.

A high-energy executive with extensive experience in Federal information technology, Mr. James joined the VA as an SES in the CIO organization in Oct 2016. Mr. James serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enterprise Program Management Office (EPMO), in the Office of Information and Technology (OI&T). The EPMO serves as the "control tower" for OI&T's major initiatives, monitoring key information to improve project execution and deliver better outcomes to VA business partners and Veterans. The EPMO mission is to provide a consolidated enterprise-wide approach to identify, select, prioritize, and successfully execute a technology portfolio of projects.

Prior to joining the VA, Mr. James worked as an executive in the private sector for companies serving the Federal IT market. Mr. James led business operations, growth, and R&D organizations in businesses that provide Federal agencies with modern, reliable and secure end-to-end IT services. Before that, Mr. James served as a civil servant (GS1 to SES) in the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community where he led large enterprise-level IT organizations and programs. Well known in the Federal IT community, Mr. James is a "Fed 100" winner which recognizes government and industry leaders who have played pivotal roles in Federal IT.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2016 – Present: VA Office of Information and Technology (OI&T), Washington, DC
1997 – 2016: Private Sector Executive positions in Federal IT services companies
1995 – 1997: SES - USAF CIO Support and Director of Architecture, Pentagon
1989 – 1995: CIO/J6 Technical Director, U. S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, IL
1976 – 1989: Special Digital Programs, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), DC

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

1996 & 1989: OPM Federal Executive Institute (FEI), Charlottesville VA
1993 - M. S. Management Information Systems, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville IL
1990 - Harvard University - Senior Officials in National Security program, Cambridge MA
1990 - GSA Trail Boss Program - Excellence in Complex IT Acquisitions, Washington DC
Federal Executive Seminars:
1992 - Technology Transfer and Management of Federal R&D, Denver, CO
1991 - Technology Management, Oak Ridge TN
1986 - Science, Technology and Public Policy, Kings Point NY
1976 - B. S. Mathematics and Political Science, McKendree University, Lebanon, IL

PATENTS:

Patent: "A Method of Controlling Remote Equipment Over the Internet" - 1998