

John Ely

Mr. John Ely is the Executive Director of Procurement for Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Mr. Ely's organization is a core component in supporting the CBP mission of ensuring the security of our nation's borders. His office is responsible for awarding contracts that total of \$3.3 billion annually. Mr. Ely has been successful in implementing a business plan that embodies continuous, measurable improvement and has kept CBP Procurement on the leading edge of procurement innovation and customer service delivery while ensuring that taxpayer dollars are properly spent.

Mr. Ely began his 30 years of government service working in the procurement office of the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon. Midway through his career, he joined the Department of Defense, Office of Health Affairs where he was instrumental in establishing contracts for critical health care systems. In 1991, he joined the IRS and was subsequently selected as GSA Trail Boss of the Year for managing the billion-dollar Treasury Information Processing Support Services (TIPSS) acquisition. While at the IRS, John served as the Director of the Office of IT Acquisition and subsequently, the Director of Technical Contract Management (TCM). During his time as Director of TCM, he implemented a systematic review and re-engineering of the acquisition process at IRS. The reengineering initiative resulted in one of the first formal strategic sourcing programs in government and was selected as a finalist for the 2003 Business Solutions in the Public Interest Award. Mr. Ely then was selected as Deputy Director of the IRS Office of Procurement, where he served until his departure for Customs and Border Protection.

Mr. Ely holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Management at the University of Maryland. He and his wife, Kay, an Executive at the Office of Personnel Management, live in Lorton Virginia. They have five children.