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Richard K. Gunderson Deputy Chief Procurement Officer Richard K. Gunderson is the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Homeland Security. In conjunction with the Chief Procurement Officer, he provides leadership over the department's \$17 billion contract and financial assistance programs. Mr. Gunderson became the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer in April 2008, after serving as the Assistant Administrator for Acquisition for the Transportation Security Administration in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Gunderson provided centralized acquisition support to TSA operations across the nation's airports and other modes of transportation as well as to one of the largest and most complex acquisition programs in DHS. TSA's acquisitions include major systems, operational contracting, construction, leasing, research and development, grants and other types of financial assistance.

Mr. Gunderson joined TSA in December 2002 and served as a division director and deputy assistant administrator for acquisition. He was instrumental in leading the transformation of acquisition and business strategies, and he directed the acquisition planning and execution of key TSA mission critical programs such as Secure Flight, the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program, and the Checked Baggage Deployment program.

Prior to joining TSA, Gunderson served as a contracting officer for the Department of Defense's Naval Sea System Command. There, he led contracting efforts associated with numerous major weapon systems.

He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from The College of William and Mary.