

## Mr. Robert S. Stewart, Jr.

Mr. Robert S. Stewart, Jr. is the Director of Acquisition for Innovation and Small Business Programs within the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Ft. Belvoir, VA, he provides leadership to a diverse cadre of acquisition, program management and contracting professions, and oversees the development and execution of multiple major acquisition defense program requirements throughout the Defense Industrial enterprise. He is the Principle Civilian that advises the Agency Director and senior leadership on all acquisition concerns.

A native of Smiths Station, AL, Mr. Stewart successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Auburn University. Upon graduation, he commissioned in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and currently serves as Director of Contracts within the Air Force Reserve Command.

Mr. Stewart began his career in the federal service as a Naval Acquisition Program Intern for the Department of the Navy at Patuxent River NAS, MD. He served as an acquisition analyst before pursuing opportunities in the private industry performing program management, business financial management, and contract specialist support functions for a myriad of major defense acquisition programs at the Washington Navy Yard, DC.

In 2012, Mr. Stewart returned to the federal service as a Lead Analyst at the Naval Sea Systems Command. He completed a professional development assignment with the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition and Procurement – serving as the 'Acting' Deputy to the Senior Services Manager and providing procurement expertise to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition.

Prior to this position, Mr. Stewart served as the Associate Director of Acquisition Compliance and Support with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics – administering DoD's Mentor-Protégé Program and serving as the small business professional assigned to all acquisition strategy reviews and independent peer reviews for ACAT I programs.

Mr. Stewart's family currently resides in AL. He is an active member in his church and is an assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Stewart earned a Bachelor's of Arts in Public Administration from Auburn University, he also holds a MBA from Jones University. In the fall of 2018, Mr. Stewart will begin pursuit of his Juris Doctorate in contract law.