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BIOGRAPHY

Mrs. Evelyn DePalma is the owner of EMD ProConsulting LLC, a consulting firm focused on facilitating a better understanding of the challenges for both Industry and Government in the context of federal procurement regulations, processes, and practices in the Department of Defense. In addition to a thriving consulting practice, the firm offers specialized training to companies in federal procurement challenges, pre-solicitation through award decision. Mrs. DePalma retired from the Senior Executive Service in June 2008, after serving 33 years in the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). The last six years of her Government career she spent dual-hatted as the Director for Procurement at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and the Chief of the Defense Information Technology Contracting Office (DITCO). She was the Senior Procurement Executive at DISA, the Head of the Contracting Activity, and the Source Selection Authority for all competitive contracting actions over \$10M. Mrs. DePalma led over 400 contracting professionals in 9 locations worldwide, to include the Continental United States, Germany, Bahrain, Hawaii and Alaska, awarding nearly \$4 billion in contracts annually. She supported not only DISA but also the Department of Defense, Military Services, and Federal Agencies in their telecommunications and IT contracting needs.

Prior to her contracting position, Mrs. DePalma was the Executive Director for eBusiness Systems, promoting the development and use of eCommerce and eBusiness to reform the business operations of the Department of Defense. In the 1990s, Mrs. DePalma served as the Program Manager for the Global Combat Support System during its concept exploration phase, and she led the DOD Software Process Improvement Program while working in the Center for Information Management (CIM). Mrs. DePalma began her career as a computer programmer, and over the years became proficient in systems analysis, program management, and contracting, earning Level III certification in program management and contracting. She graduated magna cum laude from Mercyhurst College in 1971 with a BA in History, and earned an MS degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1984. Mrs. DePalma's honors include the DISA Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the DISA Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, and she is listed in Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, 2006-2007 edition.

Since 2015 Mrs. DePalma has been an Advisory Board member for ITility, Inc. a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business. In 2018, she joined the Advisory Board of NT Concepts. She also served as a Board Member for the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) District of Columbia Chapter for three years, stepping down in 2017. She was a member of the DISA Corporate Board from 2002-2008, and both the DOD Contracting Integrity and the DOD Conflict of Interest in Contracting Working Groups from 2006-2008. While leading the Software Process Improvement program in the mid-1990s, she chaired the DOD Software Process Improvement Advisory Group and represented DOD on the Capability Maturity Model Advisory Council at the Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie Mellon University. In her personal life, she chaired the Advisory Board for Antietam Elementary School in Woodbridge, VA, in the early 1990s, and served on the Community Council for Gifted Education in Prince William County, VA at the same time.

Mrs. DePalma lives in Virginia with her husband Marty.