



**Director
Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus**

Jonathan Witter is a senior executive in the Department of Defense (DoD) serving as the director of the DFAS Columbus site and network, which has been designated as the Center of Excellence for Acquisition Accounting in DoD. He also serves as the DFAS Client Executive to the U.S. Department of the Air Force and 11 Defense agencies. For his customers, which include the Army, Navy and Marine Corps in addition to the Air Force and those Defense agencies, he oversees accounting operations, financial reporting, payment computations for travelers and vendors, disbursing, client liaison services, a customer call center, systems operations and facilities and logistical administration for two major facilities: One in Columbus, Ohio and one in Limestone, Maine. To accomplish these critical missions, he leads a workforce of more than 3,000 employees.

As the Air Force Client Executive, he represents all aspects of DFAS service to the Air Force. He is the senior 'face to the customer' and thus responsible for ensuring that all DFAS mission areas, including those outside his direct leadership, provide quality service to 75 Air Force bases, 80 Air National Guard units and the U.S. Transportation Command.

During his career, Witter provided DoD-wide guidance when serving in executive leadership positions at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) as the Director of Finance and Accounting Policy and the Director of Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness. In those positions, he worked with the legislative staff on four major Defense Congressional committees, leaders at the Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Treasury, General Accountability Office and myriad Defense and civilian agencies. Moreover, he led DoD efforts to support the President's Management Agenda for Improved Financial Performance.

Prior to his current leadership assignment at DFAS Columbus, Witter served as the Director, Business Requirements and Integration. In that position, he was the sole requirements approval authority for functional requirements in DFAS and was responsible for providing leadership in the development of financial systems for use by all of DoD and enterprise resource planning systems for use by the Military Departments and Defense agencies.

Witter was inducted into the Senior Executive Service in May 2004 as the Associate Director for Financial Improvement in the Accounting and Finance Policy and Analysis Directorate of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), later becoming the director of that office. While at the Comptroller's office, he oversaw development of policy published in the Financial Management Regulation, managed the DoD Management Control Program and oversaw preparation of the Department's financial statements and annual Performance and Accountability Report.

Witter started his federal career in 1995 as an auditor in the Office of the Department of Defense Inspector General, performing Defense-wide operational audits of telecommunications capabilities. Subsequently, he performed financial audits of Defense Agencies and eventually became the project manager for the audit of the Department of Defense agency-wide financial statements.

Witter is an Indiana University of Pennsylvania graduate and has a master's degree from Central Michigan University. A certified public accountant, a certified defense financial auditor and a certified Green Belt in Lean6, he is a member of both the Association of Government Accountants and American Society of Military Comptrollers. He has been awarded both the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Joint Meritorious Award.