

## April 29, 2015 Speaker Briefs

### Lieutenant Colonel Matthew A. Phelps, Commander

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Lieutenant Colonel Matthew A. Phelps previously served with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Aviation in Richmond, Virginia where he was a Division Chief in the Strategic Acquisitions Directorate, helping to drive long term contract solutions for more than 1,800 major weapon systems through a \$3.5B strategic acquisition portfolio. LTC Phelps has held numerous command and staff positions during his 18 years in the Army.

As a Transportation Corps officer, he served in multiple capacities with the 46th Corps Support Group at Fort Bragg, NC, where he also deployed to Nicaragua in support of Hurricane Mitch relief efforts. He followed that tour as a company commander with the 3rd Corps Support Command in both Germany and Iraq and later as the HHC Company Commander, 414th Base Support Battalion, Hanau, Germany.

LTC Phelps is a native of Tampa, Florida and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps through the United States Military Academy in 1996.

### Michael Paulini, Director

DCMA Cost and Pricing Center – Data Analysis, Training, and Recruitment Group

Mr. Michael (Mike) Paulini is the Director of the Data Analysis, Training and Recruitment Group in the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Cost and Pricing Center, located in Arlington Heights, IL. The Group is responsible for developing and presenting training to the Agency's price/cost analysts, cost monitors, and contracting personnel in areas related to price and cost analysis. He periodically meets with DCMA's Senior Leadership and DoD's Senior Acquisition officials to discuss contract pricing, negotiation, and financing policies. He also participates in developing new or revised DCMA policies related to pricing and negotiation, indirect expenses, business systems, and cost accounting standards administration. Mike is DCMA's designated subject matter expert to work with the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) to create and modify DAU's curriculum and course content related to cost and price analysis, and the Cost Accounting Standards.

Mr. Paulini is the functional manager for the Contract Business Analysis Repository (CBAR) database. CBAR is a Department of Defense Acquisition Enterprise system in which DCMA was tasked to develop and maintain on behalf of DoD. He works with the Director of Defense Pricing (Mr. Shay Assad) and the Acting Director of the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Office (RADM Althea H. "Allie" Coetzee) to establish the current and future requirements of CBAR.

Mike has 38 years experience in the areas of price and cost analysis, and contract management -- all with DCMA. He is a member of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), a Certified Professional Contracts Manager, and a recipient of the NCMA Fellow award.

## **Jason Rathsack, Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO)**

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Mr. Jason Rathsack serves as an ACO for DCMA Milwaukee. DCMA Milwaukee is responsible for contract administration of approximately 1,500 active Department of Defense (DoD) contracts in Wisconsin, Northern Indiana, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. DCMA is the DoD component that works directly with Defense suppliers to help ensure that DoD, Federal, and allied government supplies and services are delivered on time, at projected cost, and meet all performance requirements. Mr. Rathsack previously served as a Contract Price/Cost Analyst with DCMA Chicago providing direct support to DoD contracting officers in review and recommendations associated with proposal analyses, review of contractor business systems, cost accounting standards, and incurred cost disputes.

Prior to serving DCMA, Mr. Rathsack performed cradle to grave contract specialist duties for the US Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), and the US Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA). Mr. Rathsack is an active member of NCMA and has served on the NCMA WI Chapter Board for 5 years.

## **Harley Bernstein, CFO**

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Harley Bernstein, CPA, is a proven financial and operations executive with more than 20 years of leadership servicing government markets. A driven professional known for strategic solutions, Bernstein has successfully grown companies, completed turnarounds, and closed equity and funding transactions. He is very knowledgeable in Federal Acquisition Regulations, especially as it relates to the development of DCAA approved accounting systems, incurred cost submissions, establishment of competitive overhead rate pools, business proposals and pricing, GSA schedules, CAS compliance, and contract management. Bernstein has also guided companies through a variety of government and other audits, including DCAA, DCMA, and GSA – many of which required the development of internal controls, policies, and procedures.

His experience includes the identification, negotiation, acquisition, and integration of several companies. Bernstein is a CPA in Virginia and has served as an officer of Zimmerman Associates, Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, and TLA Associates. He currently serves as Board member or advisor to Fortify Ventures, SecureForce (acquired by BTRC Federal Solutions), and Law Publishers. Bernstein earned his B.S. in finance from Boston University's School of Management.

## **Darrell Oyer, Principal**

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Darrell Oyer, CPA, is an expert in DCAA compliance, application and interpretation of Federal Acquisition Regulations, and Cost Estimating. He served nearly 20 years at DCAA in a variety of positions, from Field Staff Auditor to Assistant Regional Director in the Atlanta region with responsibility for 10 audit offices, and then as Assistant Director in all three functional areas: Operations and Professional Development, Resources, and Policy and Plans. Oyer's work includes developing, implementing and reviewing cost accounting structures, accounting systems, estimating systems, cost control systems, purchasing systems and labor recording systems to ensure compliance with federal procurement accounting requirements. He also performs audits of indirect cost rates for government contractors and assists with incurred cost submissions. Oyer has testified in

approximately 30 Board of Contract Appeals and court cases involving cost and government procurement issues. He sits on several Boards of Directors, including QinetiQ US Holdings, Inc.

Oyer is a CPA in Virginia; Certified Management Accountant; Certified Professional Contract Manager from the NCMA; Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst from the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis; and a member of the Procurement Roundtable, a nonprofit organization whose members are former government procurement and contract administration

executives. Earlier in his career, he was a partner at Deloitte & Touche and served in the U.S. Air Force as a contract auditor, completing his military service at the rank of Captain. Oyer holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. from American University.