Mark A. Compton
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Deputy Program Executive Officer, Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T)

Mr. Compton, a Navy civil servant, assumed leadership of the Joint Tactical Networking Center (JTNC) in October, 2012. He is also temporarily detailed to the position of Deputy Program Executive Officer, for the Army's Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T). Previously, he was the Deputy for the Joint Program Executive Office (JPEO) for Joint Tactical Radio Systems (JTRS). He is responsible for organizing the development of and providing leadership in the execution of strategic and tactical plans for the JTNC. At the JTNC he directly leads and manages a team of more than one-hundred acquisition, financial, technical, administrative and operations professionals executing more than one-hundred and fifty million dollars per year research and development budget.

Before joining the JTNC, Mr. Compton served as Vice President for Technology Transition at Trex Enterprises Corporation, a privately-held high-technology company in San Diego. He provided expertise in planning for and moving research and development projects through the technology transition stages into production systems. He led a team integrating wired-to-wireless network IT systems and served as program manager for developing specialized optical sensors for measuring air turbulence between ground sensors and high- altitude vehicles.

Mr. Compton joined Trex Enterprises in July, 2007 after a distinguished career as a Naval Flight Officer and Acquisition Professional serving in the U.S. Navy. He flew operationally in P-3 Orion aircraft, held operational command-at-sea, and served in major acquisition command positions developing information technology solutions.

His last Navy "uniformed" assignment was in the Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) where he established the startup "Sea Warrior Systems" acquisition program to transform Navy enterprise personnel and training systems into modern, efficient, skills-based management solutions. Prior to that he served in the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) as the Navy Program Manager for the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), the largest corporate intranet in the world, providing secure computer network solutions to more than 246,000 government personnel. He also served in SPAWAR as the corporate Chief Information Officer (CIO) and as Executive Assistant to the Commander. Compton served in the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Computers and Communications (PEO C4I) as the Deputy Program Manager for Navy Satellite Communications, delivering broadband satellite communications solutions with more than 600 satellite terminals on more than 300 Navy ships and shore facilities throughout the world.

Born and raised in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Mr. Compton graduated with a business degree from Washington State University in 1980. He also holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from San Jose State University and a Master of Science in Computer Science from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He is a graduate of Defense Systems Management College and is a certified a Defense (DAWIA) Acquisition Professional, at the highest level (III) in Program Management.