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Edward C. Thomas was appointed as the Deputy to the Commanding General, CECOM LCMC, effective 13 May 2007. In this capacity, Mr. Thomas works in collaboration with and under the general direction of the Commanding General in the development and execution of organizational goals, objectives, and policies aimed at providing world-class, integrated C4ISR solutions to the warfighter. Additionally, Mr. Thomas provides direct oversight over critical business units of the CECOM LCMC that do the following: manage the supply chain for over half of the Army's stock numbered items; repair and overhaul C4ISR equipment for the Army and DOD; support the majority of the Army's deployed software; engineer and install IT infrastructure at all Army installations; and award/oversee a contract portfolio valued at \$58.7 billion. The CECOM LCMC executes a \$9 billion annual budget and has a government workforce of over 7700 headquartered at Fort Monmouth NJ with subordinate elements stationed throughout CONUS and deployed worldwide.

Mr. Thomas was initially appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2001 and served as Director of the CECOM LCMC Software Engineering Center until his current assignment. In that position he provided state-of-the-art software products and services to the Army and the Department of Defense through a global organization of over 3,000 military, civilian, and industry employees in ten major locations. He managed critical software development projects and provided overarching global software support for over 200 Army and joint C4ISR systems with an annual budget of \$500 million.

Mr. Thomas began his career in government service in 1974 and progressed through increasingly responsible positions at Fort Monmouth. In 1987, he was assigned as the Command Budget Officer, where he provided staff oversight to CECOM's multi-appropriation budget, rendered fiscal policy advice to the Command, and provided program analysis support to the PEOs and PMs. In 1991, he was assigned as CECOM's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans where he developed and implemented Command-wide mission resource plans, performed studies and analyses for the Command and PEOs, managed the DoD C3I Federally Funded Research and Development Center program for the Army, and provided a central capability for organizational and mission integration within CECOM.

Mr. Thomas was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science at The College of New Jersey (Trenton State College) in 1974, a Master of Business Administration degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1980, and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) in 1995. He also completed the Army Advanced Resource Management Course at Syracuse University in 1983, the Defense Senior Acquisition Course at ICAF in 1995, and the Advanced Program Management Course at the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) in 1997. He has been a member of the Army Acquisition Corps since 1994.

Mr. Thomas has received numerous awards, including the Senior Executive Service (SES) Presidential Rank Award (Distinguished and Meritorious Level), the Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the Superior Civilian Service Medal, and the Commander's Award for Civilian Service. He was selected as the top CECOM employee for 1991 and as the CECOM Executive of the Year in 1997. He is a member of the Association of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), the Association of the US Army (AUSA), the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association (AFCEA), and the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). He services as the Chair of the Science, Technology and Engineering (STE) Advisory Council at Monmouth University.