



PAIGE R. ATKINS

Director, Defense Spectrum Organization

Paige Atkins is the Director of the Defense Spectrum Organization (DSO), Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). She provides executive leadership to DoD's center of excellence for electromagnetic spectrum engineering and management, to include planning, policy development and implementation, electromagnetic environmental effects (E3), information systems, modeling and simulation, acquisition and operations support.

Ms. Atkins is responsible for comprehensive and integrated spectrum plans and long-term strategies to transform the Department's legacy spectrum management processes and capabilities to future net-centric operations. She supports the Secretary of Defense on national and international spectrum issues, spectrum coordination, and in the pursuit of emerging spectrum efficient technologies. She is responsible for providing direct support to the ASD (NII)/DoD CIO, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, and DoD components to enable effective and efficient use of the electromagnetic spectrum and control of electromagnetic environmental effects in support of national security and military objectives.

Ms. Atkins graduated in 1984 from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1989, she earned a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University.

Her professional career began in 1984 as a test engineer at Gould Inc., supporting multiple passive towed array sonar programs. In October 1988, she joined government service as an electronics engineer at the Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center, later known as the Joint Spectrum Center (JSC), and was responsible for numerous programs supporting the Air Force, DARPA, NASA, NOAA, and classified agencies. Ms. Atkins became the Chief, Aerospace Systems Division in 1991, leading diverse electromagnetic compatibility and spectrum management efforts, to include managing all of the JSC's space-related activities.

In January 1997, Ms. Atkins joined Scitor Corporation, leading a team that provided information assurance, command and control, satellite communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and spectrum management expertise to the Air Force, DISA, and the Army. In April 2000, she was selected by the Defense Science Board Task Force to provide subject matter expertise on DoD frequency spectrum issues.

In October 2000, Ms. Atkins joined Cisco Systems Inc. as a customer advocate and strategic advisor to DISA. She led a team of customer liaisons across Cisco's most strategic DoD, intelligence community, and federal civilian customers. In 2005, she became the Director, Advanced Network Systems, leading a senior design and advanced technology engineering team responsible for the successful adoption of intelligent network solutions across the Federal government. Ms. Atkins also led the vision, strategy, and alignment of multiple cross-functional efforts within Cisco's Global Government Solutions Group.

Ms. Atkins accepted the position of Director, DSO in September 2006.