



Biography



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Mr. William H. Harrison

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Mr. Harrison is responsible for leading the analysis and management of resources needed to successfully implement the strategic technical goals set within ARMD's entire research portfolio. He supports the ARMD deputy associate administrators by reviewing and recommending portfolio investments that ensure proper scope, relevance, capability, risk level, and partnership contributions for program planning and execution.

Previously he was acting director of ARMD's Resource Management Office (RMO), where he was responsible for employee development, budget formulation and execution, as well as initiation of the resource/portfolio alignment process begun following completion of the ARMD's Strategic Implementation Plan. He arrived at this position after serving as deputy director, senior program analyst, and a program analyst within the RMO.

Prior to joining NASA in 2004, Mr. Harrison was a program analyst at the Department of State Bureau of Overseas Building Operations, where he managed a major technical security services contract, including recommending and achieving a drastic change in billing practices between the government and its prime contractor. He held additional positions in budget and finance at US Airways where he was instrumental in starting up a new airline, Potomac Air. He also worked as a project engineer at Pratt and Whitney and as a business advisor with the Peace Corps.

He has received several performance awards while at NASA, and several exemplary performance awards for budget and contract administration from the Department of State. He has represented ARMD at budget briefings to Congressional staff, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Harrison received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois, and a master's degree in finance from Cornell University.