



## RAPID CAPABILITIES AND CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE (RCCTO)

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## Deputy Director Rapid Acquisition Prototyping Project Office

Mr. Foster joined the Army Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office (RCCTO) in July 2018 as Deputy Director Rapid Acquisition Prototyping Project Office (RAPPO). RAPPO accelerates acquisition and technology assessments to move prototypes that fall outside of hypersonics and directed energy through the RCCTO and delivers residual capabilities to tactical units.

Before joining the RCCTO, Mr. Foster served as Senior Acquisition Analyst for Consolidated Analysis Center, Incorporated, working in the Project Manager Distributed Common Ground System–Army, Product Director Machine Foreign Language Translation System Office. He was responsible for leading and conducting complex research and analysis for acquisition streamline of a multiple award of contract actions. He was author of Source Selection Plan, Performance Work Statement, Contract Data Requirements List, and high-level briefings to Senior Leadership.

Upon his retirement from the United States Army, Mr. Foster was Deputy Director, Acquisition Management, in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. As Deputy Director, he was responsible for executing the Defense Acquisition Board and Executive Secretariat duties for over 90 Major Defense Acquisition Programs, which are Acquisition Category ID programs for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, worth over \$1.6B and 33 ACAT IA Major Automated Information Systems within Department of Defense. He provided management, oversight and execution of the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary and the statutory required Selected Acquisition Reports to Congress, which provided Congress, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and senior OSD leader's insight into programs acquisition status.

Mr. Foster has over 31 years of experience with the Department of Defense as a Warfighter in the Army, DoD Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) contractor, and as a government civilian employee. He held various management positions in the United States Army Field Artillery and Army Acquisition Corps before retiring after 29 years of military service.

Mr. Foster is a graduate of Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He also holds a Masters of Science degree in Human Relation Management from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, and a Masters of Arts degree in Acquisition Procurement from Webster University, St. Louis, MO. He is a graduate of the Defense Acquisition University's Program Manager Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army Materiel Acquisition Management School. Mr. Foster is an Army Acquisition Corps member with level III certification in both Program Management and Test and Evaluation.

