



# Mr. Mike Foster

## DIRECTOR

### RAPID ACQUISITION PROTOTYPING PROJECT OFFICE

### RAPID CAPABILITIES AND CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

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

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



Upon his retirement from the U.S. Army, Mr. Foster was Deputy Director for Acquisition Management under 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 Category ID Programs worth over \$1.6B for the Army, Navy, and Air Force; and 33 Acquisition Category IA Major Automated Information Systems within the DoD. 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 Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and senior OSD leader's insight into programs acquisition status.

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

Mr. Foster is a graduate of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He also holds a Master of Science in Human Relation Management from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK, and a Master of Arts in Acquisition Procurement from Webster University in 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.