



U.S. Army Contracting Command-Redstone Arsenal

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Mark E. Smith serves as the senior contracting official for Portfolio Acquisition Executive Fires (PAE Fires), formerly the Missiles and Space Directorate. The organization is a major contracting center within the U.S. Army Contracting Command.

In this role, Smith oversees all contracting activities supporting PAE Fires and provides contract solutions and business counsel to its project offices. He leads a workforce of about 120 contracting professionals and is responsible for the daily oversight and execution of contracting actions totaling more than \$10 billion annually. His portfolio includes 10 project offices and supports acquisition category weapon systems programs of record. These efforts support U.S. Army missions and enable contract execution for about 50 foreign military sales partners.



Smith is a member of the Order of Saint Barbara, the Army Aviation Association of America and the Army Acquisition Corps. He holds a Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certification in contracting and an unlimited contracting officer's warrant. Before entering federal civilian service, Smith held a variety of industry contracting positions across government, commercial, automotive and medical sectors.

Before assuming his current position, Smith served as a division chief supporting Strategic Operational Rockets and Missiles within Program Executive Office Missiles and Space, where he oversaw contracting for missile and launcher programs. He previously served as a branch chief in Program Executive Office Aviation supporting the Apache helicopter program, including production, services and fleet modernization.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in procurement management from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a master's degree in acquisition and contract management from the Florida Institute of Technology.