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Mr. Tom Dee, a native of New York City, was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and assumed responsibilities as Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, in Mar 2009. He is responsible for overseeing the resolution of immediate warfighting needs as identified by the Defense Department's Combatant Commanders. Working with all of the Defense Department's components, he facilitates resolution of issues associated with identifying potential solutions to validated urgent needs, providing necessary resources to execute that solution, ensuring a responsive acquisition structure to develop and procure the solution and, finally, ensuring a sound logistic support concept is in place to enable operations and resolve the urgent need.

Prior to assuming this post, he served in the United States Navy from March 1980 until his retirement in Jan 2007. He held a variety of world-wide leadership positions spanning operations Desert Storm, SFOR and KFOR in the Balkans, and the ongoing Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. In Washington, he served on the SECNAV's USS Cole Task Force, the Joint IED Defeat Task Force / Organization, and as the CNO's Requirements and Resource Sponsor for Expeditionary Force Protection capabilities including EOD, Naval Coastal Warfare, and Navy non-lethal weapons. He culminated his Naval career as Commanding Officer, Naval EOD Technology Division in Indian Head, Maryland where he was responsible for executing science and technology, acquisition, and information programs for the joint service EOD community and providing material and information support to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Following his Navy career, Mr. Dee assumed responsibilities as the Defense Department's first Director of Defense Biometrics within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. On behalf of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering, he executes Secretary of Defense Principal Staff Assistant responsibilities for oversight of all aspects of the DOD biometrics enterprise. Among his priorities is institutionalizing the capabilities enabled through the use of biometrics technologies throughout the range of military missions while continuing to meet the biometrics requirements of nation's military Commanders to support the ongoing wars.

Mr. Dee holds a Master of Sciences Degree (National Resource Strategy) from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University; a Master of Arts Degree (International Relations) from University of Southern California; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (History) from New York University.