# Biography

**Department of the Army**

## J .E. "Jack" Surash, P.E.

**Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Sustainability**
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Mr. Jack Surash has been the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Sustainability since September 2016. In this position he is responsible for overall program direction, establishment of policies, development and refinement of strategies, and oversight for implementation of all programs and initiatives related to energy and water resilience and sustainability within the Army. As the Army's Senior Energy Executive, Mr. Surash coordinates and integrates both installation and operational energy programs and strategies.

Mr. Surash comes to the Pentagon from the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management (EM), where he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Project Management. In that position, he led efforts for EM's annual $6 billion portfolio, served as EM's Head of Contracting Activity, oversaw procurement planning, contract management, and provided project management support. Prior to that role, he was Director of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Infrastructure and Facilities Management. Mr. Surash was selected for the Senior Executive Service in September 2005.

**CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

- 2004 – 2005, Business Development Manager, Johnson Controls Inc., Washington, DC
- 2003– 2004, Chief Business Officer, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami, FL
- 1976 – 2003, Captain, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy (Retired)

**COLLEGE:**

- Master of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering (Energy Management), Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

**SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:**

- Management and Leadership Executive Certificate, Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
- Advanced Management Program, Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, Durham, NC

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Professional Engineer (Texas)
- Level III Certified Contracting

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management
- President's Quality Award for Quality Improvement (Malcolm Baldrige criteria)
- Vice President Gore's Hammer Award
- California Eureka Award for Performance Excellence
- Dept of Energy's Louis R. Harris Award
- San Diego Regional Energy Office Leadership Award
- San Diego Business Journal Excellence in Energy Award
- Dept of Energy Secretarial Small Business Award
- Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce Federal Small Business Award

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

- National Society of Professional Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Society of American Military Engineers
- Association of the United States Army
- Trout Unlimited