



Biography

Department of the Army



J. E. “Jack” Surash, P.E. **Senior Official Performing the Duties of** **the Assistant Secretary of the Army** **Installations, Energy and Environment** **Washington, DC**



Mr. Jack Surash has been Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army Installations, Energy and Environment since January 20, 2021. He is the primary advisor to the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army for all matters related to Army installation policy and oversight, and coordination of energy security and management. In addition, he is responsible for policy and oversight of sustainability and environmental initiatives; resource management, including design, military construction, operations and maintenance; Base Realignment and Closure; privatization of Army real estate portfolio and installations' Safety and Occupational Health programs.

He was the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Sustainability since September 2016. In this position he was 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 security and sustainability within the Army. As the Army's Senior Energy Executive, Mr. Surash coordinated and integrated both installation (traditional as well as expeditionary) 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:

- Superior Civilian Service Medal
- 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
- Department of Energy's Louis R. Harris Award
- San Diego Regional Energy Office Leadership Award
- San Diego Business Journal Excellence in Energy Award
- Department 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