
Stephen J. Bowdren



Director of Technology Security and Cooperative Programs Navy International Programs Office (NIPO)

Mr. Stephen J. Bowdren was appointed into the Senior Executive Service on May 3, 2015 as the Director of Technology Security and Cooperative Programs at the Navy International Programs Office (NIPO). He is responsible for overseeing all aspects of Technology Security and Foreign Disclosure policy, including export licensing, foreign visits, and International Cooperative acquisition programs.

Prior to his current assignment, he held a variety of positions in the Security Cooperation community, including NIPO's Director of Strategy and Plans and Deputy Director of the Security Cooperation directorate. He was NIPO's inaugural Lean Six Sigma Deployment Champion and Black Belt and held the same position for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

In these positions, Mr. Bowdren spearheaded the development and implementation of several enterprise-wide Security Cooperation business and process management tools, including the Department of the Navy's Case Execution Performance Tool and the Strategic International Acquisition planning process.

A retired naval surface warfare officer, Mr. Bowdren additionally qualified as a Joint Specialty Officer and Strategic Planning subspecialist. His ashore tours include service as the Sub-Saharan Africa Politico-Military Action Officer at the European Command and the Surface Warfare Requirements Officer on the Pacific Fleet Staff.

Mr. Bowdren is a graduate of the University of Connecticut (B.A. History), Georgetown University (M.A. National Security Studies), the Naval War College Command and Staff College, and the Federal Executive Institute. His professional certifications include: American Society for Quality (ASQ) Certified ASQ/DoN Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Defense Acquisition Corps Program Manager Level III and Business Financial Manager Level I; Certified Defense Financial Manager; International Affairs Certified Level III; He is a recipient of the Department of the Navy's Meritorious and Superior Civilian Service Awards.