
John S. Thackrah



Executive Director, Military Sealift Command



John S. Thackrah reported to Military Sealift Command (MSC) as the Executive Director on Feb. 3, 2011.

Immediately prior to joining MSC, Thackrah served as the Principal Deputy of the Navy's Strategic Systems Program from December 2008 to January 2011. SSP provides the nation's sea-based strategic deterrent missile systems.

Thackrah began his Navy career in April 2005 when he was sworn in as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Management and Budget. Thackrah remained in that position until December 2008 and was responsible to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition for all administrative matters, annual budget preparation and human resource management. He also served as the Chief of Staff to the ASN.

From November 2007 to August 2008, Thackrah concurrently served as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. In this capacity he was responsible for more than \$50 billion annually of research, development and acquisition activities and more than 100,000 people.

Prior to joining government service, Thackrah was a senior executive at United Technologies Corporation. He started his career in 1979 at the Pratt & Whitney Division of UTC, where he served in areas of project and test engineering, followed by program management and model management. After serving in commercial flight test activities and as a General Manager of a Joint Venture start-up for Pratt, he held positions of increasing responsibility and ultimately served as the Vice President of Commercial Products. He next served as Vice President of Engineering of the Otis Elevator division of UTC and then returned to Pratt as Vice President of Aftermarket Services and then Vice President and General Manager for one of Pratt's strategic business units.

Thackrah holds a master's of business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a bachelor's degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from the University of Delaware.