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Mr. Bill Bonwit serves as Executive Director for Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific (NIWC Pacific), San Diego, California, an Echelon III center reporting to the Echelon II headquarters, Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR). NIWC Pacific consists of more than 5,200 civilian and military personnel and 2,100 contractor support personnel and has a total obligating authority of more than $2.9 Billion. Mr. Bonwit leads a diverse and highly technical organization in the research, development, fielding, and support of advanced technologies for command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR), cyber, and space capabilities.

Mr. Bonwit became a member of the Senior Executive Service in October 2017 with his appointment as Executive Director. Prior to this, he was a Senior Scientific and Technical Manager (SSTM) and Head of the Command and Control (C2) Department. His Department was responsible for full-spectrum support to various naval, joint, coalition, and national command, control, intelligence, tactical datalink, business and force support systems. He led more than 800 scientific and engineering professionals who provided a broad spectrum of services across the acquisition lifecycle, including research, development, integration, test and evaluation, certification, configuration management, deployment and training.

Mr. Bonwit's career in civil service started at Naval Ocean Systems Center (NOSC), a predecessor organization of NIWC Pacific, where he served as the project manager for technical support to Joint Interagency Task Force West. He has held a number of positions supporting C2 initiatives and served as project manager for a variety of C2 and intelligence systems. He has served as a branch head, program development lead, and division head within the Command and Control Department. In those positions, he provided oversight for multiple command and intelligence projects ranging from prototyping to support of Acquisition Category (ACAT) I programs of record for Naval, Coast Guard, Joint Service, Joint Staff, and Department of Defense sponsors.

Mr. Bonwit was commissioned a Naval officer in 1978. His operational assignments were aboard *USS Cochrane* (DDG 21) as main propulsion assistant and navigator, *USS Fanning*

(FF 1076) as engineering officer, and *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) as damage control assistant. His final tour of active duty was at NOSC, where he chaired NAVWAR's Warfare System Architecture and Engineering Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence Working Group. After leaving active duty, he remained in the Naval Reserve, serving in various positions including N6 (C4I Directorate) at Inshore Undersea Warfare Group One.

Mr. Bonwit earned a bachelor's degree in Ocean Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is certified Level III in Engineering by the Defense Acquisition University and is an Acquisition Corps member. Mr. Bonwit was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2011.