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Mr. George E. Kovatch is the Director of Business Reform, Office of the Chief Management Officer (OCMO) within the Department of the Navy (DON). He serves as the principal executive to the Under Secretary of the Navy (UNSECNAV) on all matters related to Business transformation and reform across the DON.

Prior to his current assignment he served as the Assistant Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, Office of Washington Operations at the Department of Homeland Security. In this position, he was the principle advisor to the Director developing and articulating FLETC strategy, plans, and policy positions on legislative matters to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and other International, State, Local and Private Sector organizations.

Prior to joining FLETC in 2014, Mr. Kovatch was a Principal at a Management Consulting and Information Technology solutions company where he successfully developed and executed the company's Homeland Security Department and Treasury Department business development strategies.

From June 2010 to July 2013, Mr. Kovatch served on the Senate Appropriations Committee which oversaw all 22 Department of Homeland Security agencies and their \$45 billion annual budget.

Mr. Kovatch served 20 years' active duty in the U. S. Coast Guard as a surface operations specialist and financial manager. He served at sea in four Coast Guard Cutters at all leadership levels up through Commanding Officer. He was the lead federal maritime law enforcement officer in USCGC SPENCER (WMEC-905) responsible for interdicting nearly 1700 migrants during the mass migration of Haiti in 1994. He led SPENCER's efforts as On Scene Commander in October 1999 coordinating the search and recovery response for the downed Egypt Air Flight 990. He also coordinated the apprehension of two suspected terrorists in the hours following the attacks of September 11th 2001.

As a financial manager, he served in the Coast Guard's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. He was selected to stand up the Office of Financial Management Transformation and Compliance, responsible for planning the complete modernization of the Coast Guard's financial system making the Service more effective and efficient and achieved success on the Department's Chief Financial Officer's Audit for the first time in DHS history.

A native of Hingham, MA, Mr. Kovatch is a graduate of Boston College's Carroll School of Management, and holds a Master's of Business Administration from Columbia Business School's Executive MBA Program.