
Michael Spencer



Deputy Chief Engineer Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Mr. Michael Spencer was selected to the Senior Executive Service in June 2009 to serve as the Deputy Chief Engineer (DCHENG), SPAWAR 5.0. As the DCHENG, he provides technical direction and oversight for all SPAWAR engineering efforts to ensure timely delivery of interoperable, affordable, and supportable Command, Control, Communications, Computers for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) and Information Operations (IO) warfare, combat, combat support, business and information technology systems and services.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Spencer was the Director of Operations and Deputy Executive Director for Enterprise Integration at the Joint Program Executive Office (JPEO) Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS), where he provided leadership and focus on Joint program interdependencies from both a technical and an acquisition standpoint. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Spencer was Program Manager of PMW 150, Command and Control Programs, leading a consortium of over twenty acquisition programs and projects. During his tenure, he has led NTCSS and GCCS-M to successful Milestone approvals, as well as executing the shift of C2 programs to Service Oriented Architecture.

Mr. Spencer began his professional career working in industry as a software engineer developing commercial applications before entering government service in 1987 at the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake. He became Head of the F/A-18 Software Development Branch, and while there he instituted software development lifecycle process improvements based on the Carnegie Mellon Capability Maturity Model (CMM) and NASA-Goddard's Software Engineering Laboratory Software Managers Guide. In 1992, Mr. Spencer was named Block Manager for the new F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. In this position, Mr. Spencer coordinated and led systems engineering, software development, and integration efforts resulting in an early Operational Flight Program delivery supporting first flight.

Mr. Spencer joined SPAWAR in 1996 serving as the Test Director for the JMCIS 3.1 development. This effort culminated in the largest successful C4I OPEVAL in the history of the Navy in 1998. He was promoted to Deputy Program Manager for PMW-171 in 1998 and led the efforts to release a Y2K version of GCCS-M, deploy GCCS-I3, and initiated development of the next generation of GCCS-M.

Mr. Spencer is a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program (SEMDP) and the Federal Executive Institute (FEI). He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community and is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management and SPRDE. His personal awards include the Superior Civil Service Award and three Meritorious Civilian Service Awards.