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Mr. James Childress began his military career as a Combat Engineer, first serving in the United States Army Reserve from 1981-1984 with the 291<sup>st</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. In 1984 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, was an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He attended the Engineer Officer Basic Course followed by Ranger School and was assigned to Fort Bragg from 1985-1988 where he served with the 548<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and the 362<sup>nd</sup> Combat Support Equipment Company. Following the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to Panama from 1989-1992, where he served in a variety of positions including Brigade Engineer with the 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (ABN), Fort Clayton and as a Company Commander in the 536<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Division Light), Fort Amador. Jim was later assigned to an OSD Joint Test Activity in Vicksburg, Mississippi until 1995.

Jim began his acquisition career in 1995, attending the Material Acquisition Management Course at Fort Lee, Virginia followed by an assignment with the TRADOC System Manager, Engineer Combat Systems, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he was responsible for five Countermine Systems. He next served as an Assistant PM with the Product Manager, Airborne Common Sensor, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, then as an Assistant PM for Mine Systems and Acting Product Manager for Mine Systems, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

From 2002-2006, LTC Childress served as Chief, Special Programs Management Office, Army Compartmented Element, United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After retiring from active duty in 2006, Jim began his civilian acquisition career with the Army Test and Evaluation Command, first as the LNO to the Joint IED Defeat Organization then as the Deputy G-3/5, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation and Plans. He joined the Project Manager Office, Distributed Common Ground System – Army (DCGS-A) in 2011 and in April, 2012 became the Deputy Project Manager for DCGS-A.

Jim Childress received a Master of Science in Engineering Management (concentration in Operations Research) from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. He is a resident graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and is a 2016 graduate of the Senior Service College Eisenhower School, Fort McNair, Virginia.