Name: David Adams

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Organization/ Center: HQ Office of the Administrator

Program/Mission Area: Enterprise Protection

Career Summary:

David Adams is the Principal Advisor for Enterprise Protection (PAEP) at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). As PAEP, he develops and coordinates enterprise protection initiatives across the Agency to mitigate purposeful threats and risks to NASA programs, projects, critical infrastructure and networks. In his role, Adams fosters partnerships with other government agencies to enhance cooperation and to inform NASA protection requirements, standards and best practices.

Prior to joining the Office of the Administrator in 2020, Adams served with the Office of the Chief Engineer's Mission Resilience and Protection Program and as the Space Asset Protection Program Lead at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Under his leadership, NASA developed and published the inaugural set of agency-level space system protection requirements.

Before joining NASA in 2013, Adams served for twenty years in the Air Force with assignments at the National Reconnaissance Office, the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Aeronautical Systems Center, the 45th Space Wing, and the Arnold Engineering Development Center. He led the development of numerous classified space and airborne systems and served as the program element monitor for the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS).

Adams has been awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal and several NASA Group Achievement Awards.

Education:

Adams holds both Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Science degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College.