

Department of the Army Biography

Mr. Frederick Townsend

Deputy Chief Financial Officer



Mr. Frederick R. Townsend became the Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the Headquarters, Department of the Army, Chief Information Office (CIO) on June 18, 2022. As the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Townsend reports directly to the Director of Policy, Resources, and Analysis, CIO. Serves as the principal advisor to the Director, Policy, Resources, and Analysis/CFO and OCIO and as the primary interface with the program functional proponents in the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution cycle. He assists in providing the requisite vision, direction and technical advice relating to planning, programming and budgeting for the Army's Command, Control, Communications, and Computers and Information Technology (C4/IT) programs. Assists in exercising the CIO's authority as delegated IAW existing policies and directives, Clinger-Cohen Act mandates, as well as the Army General Order to

conduct Information Resource Management (IRM) programs. Provides oversight of the Army's IT appropriations totaling more than \$1billion and drives IT management reform initiatives, including an annual execution of \$500 million for enterprise licenses, Army IT policy, business case analyses, implementation of enterprise services, and IT investment management.

Mr. Townsend is a GS-15 with 15 years of experience with the Department of the Navy. His Department of the Navy experience focused on the Financial Management and Fiscal Audit areas.

As a Department of the Navy civilian, Mr. Townsend served 3 years as the Supervisory Financial Management Analyst with the Strategic Systems Programs. During this time he was appointed as the Command Property Office and managed \$12 billion of government Personal Plant Property and Equipment (PP&E) operated by the organization, acquired through funding appropriations of Operating and Maintenance Navy (O&MN), Research and Development (R&D), and Weapons Procurement Navy (WPN). He served 2 years as the Chief Financial Officer for Defense Media Activity (DMA). While at DMA he oversaw multiple departments to include accounting, audit, budget, and fiscal management, while supporting DMA to provide Public Communication for the DoD, in the areas of Digital Information, Media Education, News, Print, Video Production, Social Media, and Television. Administered \$250M of Public Communication assets and capital acquired and operated by the organization. He served 4 years as the Head Financial Manager for the Operations and Maintenance Unit, Strategic Systems Programs where he managed all financial planning and analysis of the yearly operating budget, with oversight of an annual management portfolio of \$1.4 billion.