

## Mary C. Dickens

Principal Assistant Responsible for  
Contracting/Director, Contracting and Acquisition  
Management Office, US Army Space and Missile  
Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command

### **Education:**

MS in Management, Florida Institute of Technology  
BS in Business Administration, Athens State College  
Graduate of Senior Executive Fellows, Harvard  
University JFK School of Government



Ms. Dickens entered Government Service in 1977. She began her acquisition career as part of an upward mobility training program and served as a contract specialist and contracting officer supporting the US Army Aviation and Missile Command in the procurement of assemblies and subassemblies, depot level maintenance and logistical support services for multiple aviation and missile systems to include Patriot, Blackhawk, Apache, Kiowa and Chinook. Ms. Dickens also worked as a contract specialist and lead negotiator at the Space and Missile Defense Command in 1988. Her responsibilities included the procurement of major research and development services in support of the Strategic Defense Initiative and Kwajalein Missile Range. Ms. Dickens was promoted to a leadership position in 1988 and she has successfully served as a team chief, division chief and director in the Acquisition Center. In 1996, Ms. Dickens served as the Command Competition Advocate advising the Deputy Commander and Program Managers on acquisition methods to increase competition and ensure compliance with procurement policy and laws.

Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Dickens was the Command Lead for integrating the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) preparation activities across all functional organizations at the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command (AMCOM) to include both depots, Letterkenney Army Depot (LEAD) and Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD). LMP is a SAP based solution that implements Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) to transform the national level missions of Integrated Logistic Support, logistics, supply, maintenance and engineering management. LMP supports the Single Army Logistics Enterprise designed to provide a factory to foxhole view. The program was successfully deployed on May 14, 2008 to over 4,000 users under Ms. Dickens's leadership.

Ms. Dickens completed a developmental assignment as the Special Assistant to the Executive Deputy to the Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command in 2007. In addition to daily support to the EDCG, Ms. Dickens was responsible for leading a Black Belt Project focused on the realignment of AMC Headquarter Roles and Missions to Support "AMC's future strategy.

Ms. Dickens also served as the Director of Aviation Logistics in the Acquisition Center with the responsibility for providing direction and guidance through subordinate supervisors to 120 professionals and support personnel executing the acquisition of Aviation spares, services, reset and depot level maintenance for US/FMS customers. She served as a senior technical consultant and advisor to the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, the Deputy to the Commanding General and the Commanding General. Programs managed, considering the potential value over the life of the contracts, was in excess of \$12 billion dollars.

**Awards**

2 Civilian Meritorious Service Awards  
Secretary of the Army Specialized Contracting Team Award  
Ernest A. Young Logistician of the Year - 2005  
2 Superior Civilian Service Awards  
AMC Commander's Commendation Award  
2 AMCOM Commander's Award for Civilian Service  
Frank S. Besson Acquisition Excellence Award  
Vice President Gore's Hammer Award

**Personal Highlights:**

Native of the Huntsville area. Married to high school sweetheart, Winston Dickens since 1976. Two sons, Jonathan, age 28 and Brandon, age 24. Hobbies include shopping trips with Mom, gardening, reading and playing with dogs, Rocky and Jingles.