

KENNETH B. HEITKAMP

Profile

Mr. Ken Heitkamp has served as a senior executive in Air Force IT organizations, including the Air Force CIO, the Air Force Standard Systems Center, and the Air Force Communication Command. He served in critical roles in DOD-wide programs such as the Defense Message System and the data center consolidation programs.

Relevant Experience

Before joining Suss Consulting, Mr. Heitkamp served at the Pentagon as Associate Director in the U.S. Air Force Office of the Chief Information Officer. He directed the Air Force's information technology strategic sourcing programs, including the Information Technology Commodity Council (ITCC). He established and directed the new ITCC organization that integrated enterprise-level purchasing, cyber security governance, information technology management, and program management functions under a single leadership structure. In less than five years, the initiatives resulted in operational strategic sourcing programs with a cost savings of over \$180M in hardware and \$100M in software licensing. These initiatives are still in operational use today. In parallel, he applied strategies to improve enterprise cyber security practices that were adopted across DOD and the Federal Government under OMB policy. These practices provided critical practices that will be leveraged in implementing a Zero Trust architecture.

Before moving to the Associate Director role, Mr. Heitkamp was the Technical Director, Chief Engineer, and Program Acquisition Executive for the Air Force's Standard Systems Group, which had annual budgets of over \$200M and employed more than 2,000 information technology and acquisition professionals. This organization developed, maintained, and supported the Air Force enterprise-wide business information systems used daily for Air Force operations in 23 business areas at every Air Force base worldwide. Mr. Heitkamp also served as the Air Force Communications Command Program Acquisition Executive, where he was directly involved in major acquisition programs, including the Defense Message System, the Global Combat Support System, Wing Command and Control System, and major enterprise-wide infrastructure programs that included Air Force-wide network and computer infrastructure programs.

Mr. Heitkamp served as the Director of the Air Force Software Factory, a 1,000-person CMM Level III software development organization with independent test units and help desks for mission-critical applications used worldwide. He also directed the Air Force Network Operations Center, which operated critical network infrastructure for over 200 locations.

Mr. Heitkamp served as a consultant to many Federal agencies for over 7 years on OMB's Information Technology Review Board; he has been recognized with the Federal 100 Award three times, AFCEA's International Award for Excellence, IRMCO's CIO Council Leadership Award, and GSA's Trail Boss Special Achievement Award.

Education

Master's degree in business administration, Auburn University

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Bachelor's degree in business administration, Troy State University

Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base

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