

WORKING TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION:

Honoring Women

IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT

1. WHAT DO YOU DO, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO THE SOLDIER?

CHES is the primary source to support the Warfighter's information dominance objectives by developing, implementing and managing commercial Information Technology (IT) contracts that provide enterprise-wide net-centric hardware, software and support services for the Army. CHES works diligently with its knowledge management partners including the Army Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6, Information Systems Engineering Command (ISEC), Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM)/9th Signal Command and Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI) to provide architecturally sound, standards-and-policy-compliant IT Enterprise solutions to the Army around the world. I currently serve as the Director of the Enterprise Solutions Division (ESD). I provide leadership and oversight to a wonderful team who manages a full life cycle management of a suite of Government Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) for Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) Hardware, COTS Software and Commercial IT Services with a total contract ceiling exceeding \$30 billion dollars.

2. WHAT LED YOU TO A CAREER WITH THE ARMY?

I have spent my entire career supporting the Army – Army Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), the Army Contracting Command, the Army Communications – Electronics Command, the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) and the Army Corps of Engineers (COE). I grew-up surrounded by the Army. Redstone Arsenal was in my backyard. My father, brother and husband all served in the Army. I started working for the COE at an early age while attending college in pursuit of my Bachelor's degree. Once I began working for the COE, I discovered then that there was nowhere else I would rather work. I was supporting the Warfighter by making sure that various contracts were in place to ensure they had the supply and services needed, when they needed it and where they needed it, in preparation for any and all contingencies.

3. WHO WERE YOUR MENTORS OR HEROES?

My dad has always been my hero and mentor and an inspiration in my life. He is truly a unique man. He believes that there is nothing more important than Faith and Family. With Faith and Family you can conquer all things. He instilled in me from day one that if I wanted to be successful I had to do my best at all times, in all things and not to worry about what others were doing or not doing.

4. MOTTO OR FAVORITE QUOTE?

My favorite quote is "People will forget what you said, they will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," by Maya Angelou. However, if you ask my friends and family they would say that my motto is "A girl has to do what a girl has to do," and sometimes it may require you to "fake it until you make it."

5. ADVICE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

My advice to the next generation is to believe in God and use the gifts of the talents, treasures and time He has given you to be the best you can be.



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TOTAL YEARS OF ARMY SERVICE: 27 years

HOW LONG AT PEO EIS: I have worked for PEO EIS for one and a half years; however, I provided contracting support to PEO EIS for 10 years.

AWARDS/EDUCATION/OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS: Certificates in IT, Contracting and Programming **Education:** BA in Business Administration, Concentration in Procurement and Logistics, Alabama A&M University **Awards:** Superior Civilian Service Award, Army OSBP; Outstanding Contracting Specialist, ACC-NCR; Outstanding Performance of Duties, CHES; Several Performance Awards and Special Act/Service Award



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