



## Michael E. Phelps

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Michael E. Phelps serves as Director for the Office of Budget at U.S. Department of Commerce, at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. A member of the Senior Executive Service, he is in charge of planning and directing the formulation of enterprise Departmental budgets exceeding \$9.2 billion annually. He leads a staff of 18 Budget and Program Analyst in developing, integrating, justifying and defending the Department's resource requests to the Office of Management and Budget and to the Congress. In addition, he directs the management and execution of resources supporting Department of Commerce priorities, as directed by the Secretary of Commerce and the Congress.

Mr. Phelps enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1975, serving 4 years as an accounting and finance specialist before returning to college and earning a commission as a second lieutenant in 1982 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His subsequent 33-year military career spanned all levels of Air Force Financial Management and Comptrollership—he served in command and staff capacities, including assignments as an Accounting & Finance Officer, Budget Officer, Plans Staff Officer, Executive Officer, Squadron Commander, and Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.

Achieving the rank of Colonel, in his final Air Force assignment he served as Director, Financial Management and Comptroller, at Headquarters Air Combat Command (ACC) at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, VA. As Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial Advisor to the Commander of ACC, he provided hands-on leadership, strategic guidance and oversight for the management and execution of \$54 billion in appropriated dollars for ongoing operations, research and development, testing and engineering, military construction, and investments. He was responsible for a financial network of 1,100 Financial Managers collectively engaged in formulating, justifying, and executing ACC's \$5.8B annual operating budget, in supporting 105,000 military and civilian personnel deployed worldwide.

Mr. Phelps also was responsible for payroll services to military and civilian employees, as well as for accounting operations through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, for oversight of non-appropriated funds, and for an array of cost analysis and decision support services. Mr. Phelps received his BS in Business Administration and Management and his Master of Public Administration, both from Troy State University. While on active duty, he completed progressive Air Force leadership development through Squadron Officer School, Professional Military Comptroller School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College.