



Shawna Bowshot

Defense Health Agency Contracting Activity

Ms. Shawna Bowshot is a regional Branch Chief for the Central Markets Contracting Division, Defense Health Agency, Colorado Springs, Colorado. She serves as lead for all Alpha Branch medical support contracting actions across seven states for Department of Defense Military Treatment Facilities. She also works to enhance the partnership of the Defense Health Agency and the military Service Departments in the transition of contracts, identifying and establishing strategic acquisition and enterprise contract tools, to streamline medical services affecting nearly two million beneficiaries. As an original cadre of three contracting professionals, she was instrumental in establishing this new Defense Health Agency office and declaring operational capability in 2022. The division recently began executing what is estimated to be over \$500M in health service contracts by fiscal year 2024.



Nicole Hunyadi

10th Contracting Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy

Nicole A. Hunyadi is the Director for the 10th Contracting Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Hunyadi is responsible for leading and developing squadron personnel while planning and executing all aspects of contracting operations valued at more than \$210 million for the USAFA's four-year regimen of military training, academics, athletic and character development programs. Mrs. Hunyadi holds a BS Degree in Geophysical Engineering and an MBA Degree in Aerospace Defense. Mrs. Hunyadi entered the Air Force in 2002 as a graduate of the

Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the Colorado School of Mines through Detachment 105 at the University of Colorado –Boulder. Throughout her career, she served in several Contracting positions which included deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Her Federal Civil Service career began in November 2009 at USAFA where she has served as a Contracting Officer, Grants Officer, Team Lead, Commodities and Services Flight Chief, and Director of Business Operations during her tenure.



Major Roberto Lainez

Mission Installation Contracting Command at Fort Carson Garrison

Major Roberto is the Deputy for the Business Office Division at the Mission Installation Contracting Command based on Fort Carson Garrison. Major Lainez joined the Army in June 2000 after graduating from Bucknell University and

commissioned as a Signal Officer on 23 April 2009 from the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served overseas and at other various commands before completing the Acquisition Professional's Course in July 2018. He was assigned to the Regional Contracting Office-Daegu in the Republic of South Korea as a Contract Management Officer from August 2018-June 2020. From November 2020-July 2021, MAJ Lainez served as the Installation Division Deputy, Acting Installation Division Chief, and Contracting Detachment Commander. From November 2021-August 2022, he led his detachment in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve and Special Operations Task Force-Levant at Erbil Air Base, Iraq.



Russ Long

[Long Capture](#)

Russell Long founded Long Capture in 2017 to assist commercial companies in making the transition to pursue federal funding by leveraging opportunities provided by the DoD. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and management from United States Air Force Academy, and a Masters in Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Studies from Oklahoma State University. Prior to founding Long Capture, Russell worked hands-on in the field for over 5 years active duty as a Contracting officer for the US Air Force. This experience allowed him to get a better context of the end-user aspect of transactions so that he could bring with him a better understanding of the needs in the DoD. This expertise is now well-served in the way that he assists clients in addressing identified needs in a proposed form that will be best received by decision makers. At Long Capture, Russell leads a unique team of SBIR and Phase III experts who stand out as leaders in the space and continue to contribute to the success of multiple companies in achieving sole-source authority to pursue greater federal funding. Since founding Long Capture Russell has helped over 365 tech startups win more than \$222M in contract awards, including over \$40M on a sole-source basis, enabling these companies to deliver their leading-edge technology to the warfighter.



Chris Martinez

[Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center \(PTAC\)](#)

Chris Martinez currently is a Senior Counselor with Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center serving small businesses in Durango and along the Front Range. Chris has been involved with the small business community for over 20 years. Chris brings a vast background in helping small businesses, He retired from Hispanic Contractors of Colorado (HCC) at their Executive Director, that historically worked to provide opportunities for small businesses in construction. Prior to HCC, Chris worked as a Senior Advisor for Mayor Michael B. Hancock, as the Director for the Division of Small Business Opportunity Office, where he oversaw the City's Minority and /or Woman and Small business program to ensure these owners had procurement opportunities with the City of Denver. Chris also served eight years on the Regional Transportation Board (RTD) of Directors where he authored the legislation to ensure opportunities for small, minority and women owned business to do work on FasTracks and with RTD. Chris' passion is to help small businesses be successful on the local, state, or federal levels.



Dr. Shawn Murray

[Murray Security Services](#)

Shawn Murray is President, Senior Consultant and Chief Academic Officer at Murray Security Services, is an experienced Cyber Security Professional and is an officer in the US Civil Air Patrol. His previous assignments include work with the United States Missile Defense Agency, US Army Cyber Command in Europe, US Air Force and with Commercial Industry in various roles in Information Assurance and Cyber Security. He has traveled the globe performing physical and Cyber Security assessments on critical national defense and coalition programs and has prepared reports for the House Armed Services Committee. Dr. Murray has worked with NSA, FBI, CIA and the US Defense and State Departments on various Cyber initiatives and has over 20 years of IT, communications, and Cyber Security experience. He has presented as a featured or keynote speaker for numerous conferences across the globe and enjoys teaching and presenting as a guest lecturer on Cyber Security, business & computer science courses at his Cyber Academy and for several universities. He has several industry recognized certifications to include the C|CISO, CISSP and CRISC. He holds several degrees to include an Applied Doctorate in Computer Science with a concentration in Enterprise Information Systems. Dr. Murray was reelected to the International Board of Directors, most recently as the COO for the Information Systems Security Association. He is a professional member of IEEE, ACM, ISSA, (ISC)² and is an FBI Infragard program partner.



Reggie Selby

Small Business Programs, Space Operations Command

Mr. Selby is the Director of Small Business Programs for the Space Operations Command Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO. He holds a Level III Professional Certification in Contracting and a Level I in Program Management under the Acquisition Professional Development Program. Mr. Selby has 30 years of contracting and acquisition experience. Prior to his appointment as the Small Business Director, he served 21 years in the Air Force where he performed duties as a missile officer, airborne launch control officer, and as an acquisition officer.



Travis Markley

CUSI Construction

Travis is the VP of Construction and Electrical and is taking on a new role as Vice President of Development with CUSI's new ventures. His extensive experience in people management and logistics aids CUSI Companies in optimization across the nation.



Whitney Williamson

CUSI Construction

Whitney is an Account Executive for CUSI Companies, specializing in DOD and Aerospace projects and relations in Colorado Springs. With a background in architecture and knack for reading a room, Whitney is the local face and go-to contact for all things CUSI.



Stephanie Edwards

Gold Hill Mesa

Stephanie Edwards is the Executive Vice President of Gold Hill Mesa, a residential and commercial development. In her role as the development lead, she provides strategic vision and oversight of administration, operations, communications, and community partnerships.