

# Mario G. Vizcarra

## IT Director and Chief Information Officer



Mario G. Vizcarra, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Director of Information Management & Technology Directorate (IT) and the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). Mr. Vizcarra is responsible for all information technology (IT) related capabilities and activities necessary to achieve DTRA's mission. He oversees a broad spectrum of functions including operating office and mission IT infrastructure, networks, and telecommunications systems at all classification levels for DTRA's worldwide operating locations. As the CIO, he is responsible for the entire spectrum of DTRA's cybersecurity, data/knowledge management, and Records Management, Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act functions, as well as, overseeing the IT portfolio by promoting

technology standardization, architectures, and efficiencies throughout the Agency to support operational requirements.

Mr. Vizcarra has held various positions such as Automation Management Officer and Intelligence Officer in the National Military Intelligence Center – Pentagon. He joined the On-Site Inspection Agency as an Information Systems Program Manager and later served as the Chief of the Information Systems Operations Branch. At the stand-up of DTRA in October 1998, Mr. Vizcarra led the Information Systems Operations Division, followed by serving as Acting Director, Information Management Directorate. Mr. Vizcarra served as DTRA's first Chief Technology Officer and its first Chief Enterprise Architect. In 2011, he was selected to serve as the newly-formed Information Operations (J6) Directorate's Deputy Director.

Mr. Vizcarra has extensive operational, management, and technical experience in all facets of IT and data management. He successfully established the first DTRA unclassified and classified IT networks and moved DTRA headquarters and its IT infrastructure from Dulles Airport to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was instrumental in establishing DTRA's first true CIO position. He has managed the day-to-day oversight of several DTRA IT Department Directors and supported CIO and cybersecurity functions. He successfully led several highly-visible initiatives serving as Co-Chair of DTRA's Hispanic Working Group and leading his directorate in improving Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey scores. Moreover, he led the IT Directorate through multiple highly successful Command Cyber Readiness Inspections. As a strong supporter of agile principles, data science, and rapid application

development, he ensures the implementation of modern visualization, data analytic, and collaboration tools, capabilities, and practices to enable the DTRA workforce and its mission partners.

Mr. Vizcarra holds a Bachelor of Science degree in the Sciences from the University of Texas at El Paso, a Master of Science degree in Business Administration from Boston University, and a Master of Science degree in Information Systems from George Mason University.

Mr. Vizcarra received a commission in the U.S. Army through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and served five years on active duty in Military Intelligence as an Electronic Warfare and Signals Intelligence Officer. His military awards include the Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Commendation Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. As a Department of Defense civilian, he attended the Federal Executive Institute and received the Exceptional Civilian Service Medal.