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Mr. Ablard is a Senior Research Fellow at Logistics Management Institute (LMI); a non-profit government research and consulting firm. He is a renowned expert in agreements with industry and consortium under the acquisition and non-acquisition special authorities granted by 10 USC 2371, and other non-procurement instruments. He continues to lead development and utilization of these new techniques through his active participation in government's leading-edge projects.

Mr. Ablard performs outreach activities, including but not limited to policy interpretation and practical lessons learned sessions with the military components, other executive agencies and industry. He works closely with senior officials throughout the DoD and industry to examine and recommend changes as appropriate, to the extremely complicated laws, regulations, and policies, which impact DoD's ability to contract research and development efforts. He leads teams in conducting complex management and technical studies in all aspects of the acquisition process. He designs and facilitates continuous process improvement efforts and works with the DoD to identify and bring commercial best practices into government acquisition organizations.

In his thirty-three year acquisition career, Mr. Ablard achieved the Senior Executive Service, and has worked for each branch of the military services. He has received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and two DOD Exceptional Civilian Service Awards. He is a member of the National Contract Management Association.

### **Employment History:**

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| 1968 – 1978    | Various DOD Activities including with USA/USAF in Europe   |
| 1978 – 1990    | Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC<br>Senior Acquisition Professional<br>Head, Contracting Division |
| 1990 – 1997    | Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Arlington, VA<br>Deputy Director, Contracts Management Office   |
| 1998 – 1999    | Director, Office of Management Operations  |
| 1999 – 2000    | Special Assistant for Acquisition and Transition   |
| 2000 – Present | Senior Research Fellow, LMI  |

### **Education:**

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| BA | History & Political Science, Ottawa University |
| MS | Human Resources Management, University of Utah |