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"A Perspective on the Road Ahead"

Guest Presenter: **Mr. Patrick M. Sullivan**, *Executive Director*, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

- What areas are most important and likely to be funded in the nearterm?
- How does SPAWAR view sequestration and other budgetary issues?
- How do SPAWAR's cybersecurity priorities and funding translate into opportunities for contractors?

As the Navy's Information Dominance systems command and technical lead for C4ISR, SPAWAR (pronounced sp -wôr) provides the hardware and software to connect our warfighters at sea, on land and in the air. SPAWAR supports the full lifecycle of product and service delivery from the initial research and development, to acquisition and deployment, to operations and logistics support.

SPAWAR is one of three major Department of Navy acquisition commands. While other systems commands focus on tangible platforms, information is SPAWAR's platform. SPAWAR products and services transform ships, aircraft and vehicles from individual platforms into integrated battle forces, delivering and enhancing information dominance and awareness among Navy, Marine, joint forces, federal agencies and international allies.

Cybersecurity is an issue that impacts us all. For the US Navy, it's a matter of National Security. The US Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) has a central role in providing cybersecurity for the service. While the Navy shares many common cyber challenges with private business, it also has some very unique challenges. An aircraft carrier battle group at sea is the ultimate wireless customer.

In order to deliver to the Navy, SPAWAR is focusing on five strategic priorities that are enablers to mission assurance in the cyber domain: Streamlining delivery, enabling modern IT service delivery, Navy wide cyber technical leadership, optimizing our organization and our workforce, and reducing the cost of our operations.

Please join us as SPAWAR Executive Director Pat Sullivan discusses the SPAWAR funding priorities, challenges and the solutions his command is focused on to help provide assured war fighting capabilities for the Navy.

About the Speaker

Mr. Patrick M. Sullivan is currently the Executive Director for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. In this role, he shares responsibility for over 9,600 civilian and military personnel and a budget of over $10 Billion, dedicated to the acquisition, delivery and sustainment of major command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, enterprise information, and space systems for the Department of the Navy.

Mr. Sullivan began his government career in 1991 at the Naval Ocean System Center (NOSC). He entered the Senior Executive Service in July 2006.

From 1991 to 1996, Mr. Sullivan was a project manager for the Design and Development Branch of NOSC, a predecessor of Space and Naval Warfare System Center Pacific (SSC Pacific), where he worked to develop advanced electronic packaging technology. From 1996 to 2006, Mr. Sullivan led progressively larger and more complex programs, first as a project manager and principal investigator at SSC Pacific for the Integrated Circuit Research and Fabrication Branch, responsible for developing and managing several advanced microelectronic research and development projects. Next, he assumed responsibility as the Head of the Integrated Circuit Research and Fabrication Branch where he was responsible for the Navy's Integrated Circuit Fabrication Facility focused on microelectronic technology development for the strategic space and intelligence communities. He then led the Joint and National Systems Division supplying advanced technology to the intelligence and special operations communities.

In March 2006, Mr. Sullivan was selected to lead the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Department for SSC Pacific. He managed programs to develop capabilities for maritime surveillance and ocean systems, joint and national information systems, intelligence systems, signal exploitation and cryptologic systems, and systems to support information operations and battlespace awareness. He also served as National Lead for SPAWAR's Engineering ISR and Information Operations Competency.

In July of 2010, Mr. Sullivan was selected as the Executive Director for the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence. In this capacity, he shared responsibility with the Program Executive Officer for acquiring, integrating, executing, and delivering capability of a $2.5 Billion portfolio supporting the information needs for naval, joint, and coalition warfighters.

Mr. Sullivan received a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) in 1989 and continued at UCSD to earn his master's degree in electrical engineering and applied physics in 1991. He is a member of the UCSD Electrical and Computer Engineering Industrial Advisory Board and the Acquisition Professional Community.

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