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Rick Vasquez was born in Effingham, IL and raised in Decatur, IL. He received his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in 1994 from the UIUC. He was hired by the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (OIG DoD) soon after receiving his bachelor's degree. He has extensive experience in conducting audits in functional areas such as readiness, network centric warfare and transformation initiatives, forces management, supply management, maintenance management, chemical and biological defense, information assurance, information systems and technology, year 2000 compliance, finance, financial statement, contracting, and intelligence. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Information Systems Security Professional, holds the Chief Information Security Officer Information Assurance Certificate, and is a member of the General Services Administration Third Millennium Network.

Rick was promoted to his current position as a Project Manager in Readiness and Logistics Support in February 2002. He is responsible for planning, managing, executing, and reporting audits and evaluations of the readiness of the DoD Components, including the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Departments, Joint Staff, Unified Commands, and Defense Agencies. As a supervisor, he improved productivity by providing each staff member leadership, technical expertise, professional development and by creating a cooperative team environment. He participated in the appraisal and counseling process and made recommendations and decisions on employee incentive awards, discipline, promotion, and assignments. Rick performed all of the duties of a Program Director for 5 months over a 12 month time period during 2003-2004 while his Program Director was absent. In this capacity, he directly oversaw the day-to-day performance of the 22 personnel, both civilian and military, assigned to the Readiness Division. This performance was especially noteworthy because he supervised and provided oversight for the 7 audit projects being conducted by the Readiness Division at a time when the other two audit manager positions within the Division were vacant. He also provided substantial support to the Coalition Provisional Authority Office of Inspector General in the standup of their operations, and in their audit, inspection, and investigative services both in Headquarters (Arlington, VA) and in Baghdad, Iraq. He acted as OIG DoD point of contact for all matters and issues between the OIG DoD and the Coalition Provisional Authority Office of Inspector General.

Rick was responsible for the DoD Logistics Auditor and Evaluator Certification Program from 2002-2004. He represented his Program Director on the panel that interviewed candidates for promotion to GS-13. He acted as the Readiness and Logistics Support Information System Security Officer, responsible for ensuring that all personnel were informed and complied with procedures for safeguarding classified and sensitive data, and that controls were in place to protect all classified and sensitive materials. He has also served as the Communications Security Custodian, responsible for all steps taken to protect information of value when it is being communicated, including transmission security, physical security, emission security, and cryptographic security.

Rick has been recognized on several occasions for his efforts to improve the Department of Defense. In 2004, he received the Inspector General Meritorious Civilian Service Award and shared the award of Project Manager of the Year. In 2000, he received the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Y2K Award. In 1998, he received the Auditor of the Year Award.