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How Can These Inform the Unprecedented Challenges We Face Today?



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DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

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James Morhard was nominated by President Trump and confirmed to be NASA's 14th Deputy Administrator. He was sworn in on October 17th, 2018.

Jim helps provide overall leadership, planning, and policy direction. He performs duties and exercises powers delegated by the Administrator, assists him in making final agency decisions, and acts in his absence to govern NASA operations. Jim also is responsible for articulating and representing the agency's vision.

Prior to his tenure with NASA, Morhard was the U.S. Senate Deputy Sergeant at Arms. He began his career as an analyst for the Secretary of the Navy, where he reviewed procurement and research and development programs. Beginning in 1991, Jim served on the Senate Appropriations Committee, working on the Defense and Military Construction, and Commerce, Justice, State Subcommittees.

In 2003, he became Chief of Staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he worked with House and Senate Leadership, the Office of Management and Budget, and the White House to pass the 2004 and 2005 Omnibus Appropriations bills.

Jim earned his B.S. degree in accounting from St. Francis University, an MBA from George Washington University, and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University.



MIKE WALKER

FORMER ACTING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FEMA

Mike Walker serves as a senior consultant and subject matter expert for the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS). His current research focuses on all-hazard threats.

Mr. Walker served 32 years in the federal government and was confirmed four times by the United States Senate to serve in senior executive branch positions. He was Acting Secretary of the Army for six months in 1998. Mike also served as Under Secretary of the Army, Army Acquisition Executive, and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics, and Environment.

In addition, he was the Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and was Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs when he retired from the federal government. Mike began public service as a page in the U.S. House of Representatives while he was in high school. He was Staff Director of the Senate Subcommittee on Military Construction Appropriations when he was nominated by President Clinton to join the executive branch in 1993.

