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Houston Taylor is Assistant Commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service's Office of Acquisition Management, with full authority and shared responsibility for direction in planning, organizing and managing major functional areas including Acquisition Career Field Management, Policy Implementation, Socio-Economic Programs, Supplier Management, and the Federal Supply Schedules Program. Previously Mr. Taylor served as Director of the Program Analysis Division, where he managed the FAS Environmental Program, working in direct support of the General Services Administration's commitment to providing "green" options for Federal customers while leading the way in environmentally friendly acquisition practices. Mr. Taylor started his career with GSA in the Center for Services Acquisition, where he was responsible for the Financial and Business Solutions Schedule, a program that exceeded one billion dollars in sales under his leadership.

Mr. Taylor brings more than 25 years of procurement and contract management experience to GSA. He retired from active duty with the U.S. Air Force in 2000. His assignments included tours in Turkey, the United Kingdom, the Air Force Inspection Agency, and *Operation Provide Comfort*, where he worked as a contingency contracting officer in southern Turkey and northern Iraq. In his final assignment he worked at the Pentagon for the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Air Force as the contracting career field manager. Additional highlights of Mr. Taylor's extensive government career include service as a contracting professional in the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Taylor earned a Masters of Business Administration in Acquisition and a Graduate Certificate in Procurement and Contracts Management. He is also a Level III-Certified Contracting Officer and a Certified Federal Contracts Manager. He recently completed the Senior Executive Fellows program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.