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BIOGRAPHY

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CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Mr. Ramakdawala is the Manned Aircraft Division Chief. In this role he oversees a team of engineers and licensing analysts reviewing export requests of aviation technology. Mr. Ramakdawala joined the Defense Technology Security Administration's (DTSA) Technology Directorate in October 2008 as a Senior Aerospace Engineer within the Aeronautical Division. Mr. Ramakdawala's primary duties include providing comprehensive technical assessments of national security risks for proposed exports of controlled hardware, software, technical data, and defense services. Riz's areas of technical responsibility include aircraft engines, composites and helicopters.

PAST EXPERIENCE: Mr. Ramakdawala joined DTSA after a 14-year career working for and in support of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). Riz started as an engineer for NAVAIR's Propulsion and Power Department (AIR-536) as a project engineer for the T58 and T64 engines for the H-3, H-46, H-53, and VH-3D helicopters. In 1998, Riz became the Lead Design Engineer for the T58 engine.

In 2002, Riz became the Propulsion and Power Systems engineer for the H-3, H-46, and VH-3D. In that capacity his responsibilities encompassed not only the engines but also power generation and distribution (batteries, wiring and electrical systems), secondary power, and drive systems. He was then asked to lead the Propulsion and Power Engineering team for the V-22 in 2006.

In 2007, Riz was accepted into the NAVAIR Leadership and Development Program (NLDP). During this two year training assignment, he was trained and worked as a Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Black Belt. He improved and implemented several new processes including the newly chartered Naval Aviation Center for Rotorcraft Advancement (NACRA). In 2008, Riz was certified as a LSS Black Belt from the Department of Navy (DoN) and the American Society of Quality (ASQ).

EDUCATION: Mr. Ramakdawala holds a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park, 1994. Mr. Ramakdawala also holds a MS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, 2001. Mr. Ramakdawala is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III certified in Systems Planning, Research, Development, and Engineering.

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