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Julio Arocho serves as the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Afghanistan Engineer District-South. In this position, Mr. Arocho is the highest ranking civilian within the District, which is located on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. He is responsible for the life-cycle management of projects and programs in support of the District's mission.

The District provides quality and timely construction and engineering operations in the NATO ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) South, Southwest, and West Regional Commands of Afghanistan in support of the U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A) mission and the integrated Afghan National Security/Coalition Forces' counterinsurgency (COIN) operations aimed at protecting the population and defeating the insurgency forces. The District also provides sustainable development projects for the Afghan people that employ the populace, build skilled human capital, and promote the future stability of Afghanistan.

In his permanent assignment Mr. Arocho is the Military Integration Division chief at the United States Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division in San Francisco.

Mr. Arocho entered the Department of the Army in 1979, as a design engineer intern with the Directorate of Facilities Engineering on Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga. In 1982 he became the contracting officer's representative for the Heidelberg Military Community in Heidelberg, Germany. From 1983 to 1991, Mr. Arocho served in various positions in Headquarters U.S. Army Europe and the NATO Infrastructure Office. Since 1991, Mr. Arocho has been on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team. In 1996 Mr. Arocho was recognized for his effort during the Hurricane George disaster relief mission in Puerto Rico and he was a key player in the Corps of Engineers involvement in relief efforts in Latin America after Hurricane Mitch in 1999. In 2001 he became the Corps of Engineers liaison to the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) at MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla.

In 2003 Mr. Arocho deployed to Afghanistan as the senior advisor/mentor to the Ministry of Public Works. There he established a Corps of Engineers office embedded in the MPW which was responsible for planning all secondary road construction in Afghanistan and the reorganization of the MPW. In 2004 Mr. Arocho deployed to Iraq to work as the Chief of Construction Management in the Programs Construction Office. He was responsible for six-construction managers at each of the PCO sectors responsible for programming, scheduling and awarding over two thousand projects and with a programmed amount of more than \$12 Billion.

Mr. Arocho was born in 1956, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and graduated from Antilles High School in 1974. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida in 1979, a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California in 1987 and in 2000, Mr. Arocho graduated from the Naval War College where he obtained a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategy. He is a graduate of the Defense Leadership and Management Program (DLAMP) and Army Management Staff College.

Mr. Arocho is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Florida, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, a member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and a member of the Society of American Military Engineers.

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