



Robert A. Farmer

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Robert “Bob” A. Farmer was appointed as the Director, Operations Division within the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Response Directorate in December 2011. A career member of the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Farmer is responsible for providing the management and coordination of the core Federal disaster response teams, resources, and programs needed to support FEMA’s regions; interagency partners; state, local, territorial and tribal governments, voluntary agencies; and disaster survivors impacted by disasters.

Mr. Farmer joined FEMA in April 2007 in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Division. He was selected as a career member of the Senior Executive Service and appointed as the Director of the Program Analysis and Evaluation Division for FEMA in August 2008. He served as the Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer for FEMA from June 2008 through November 2008 and as Acting Director of the Office of Policy and Program Analysis (OPPA) from March 2009 through August 2009. He was the Deputy Director for OPPA from July 2009 to December 2011.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Farmer served for 26 years as an Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard where he gained extensive Incident Management and Emergency Response experience. His operational tours included serving as an Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard vessels. His shore assignments included serving as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters Support Command and assignments within the Coast Guard’s strategic planning, financial management, strategic analysis, and planning and performance offices.

Mr. Farmer earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School, and graduated from the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

Mr. Farmer received the Administrator’s Outstanding Individual Award and his military awards included two Legion of Merits, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and four Coast Guard Achievement Medals.