



Thomas R. Bloom
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Thomas R. Bloom became the director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service on May 24, 1999. In this capacity, he oversees the day-to-day accounting and finance activities of the Department of Defense. DFAS employs about 16,000 DoD civilian and military personnel at 26 locations throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific. Each year, the agency disburses over \$346.6 billion by processing 5.7 million payments to military, civilians, retirees and annuitants; 11.2 million commercial invoices and 7.3 million travel vouchers and settlements. Responsible for 267 active DoD appropriations, DFAS is the trust fund manager for \$12.5 billion in Foreign Military Sales and \$176 billion in Retirement Funds. Each year, it processes 124 million accounting transactions and handles accounts for worldwide operations and multidisciplined appropriations of DoD. Each business day, DFAS disburses in excess of \$1.3 billion in payments.

Bloom has extensive experience in finance and accounting, having served as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at both the U. S. Department of Commerce and the General Services Administration.

He also served as the Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Education where he conducted audits, investigations, managed fraud control programs and designated security services related to programs and operations for the Department.

From 1988 to 1993, Bloom was a senior audit partner and director of governmental services and co-chair of its Financial Institution Practice with the national certified public accounting firm Kenneth Leventhal & Company in its Dallas, Texas and Washington, D.C. offices. As an accounting fellow and later the chief accountant for the Federal Home Loan Bank System from 1985 to 1988, Bloom was the senior accounting and auditing authority for regulation of the troubled thrift industry. From 1976 to 1985, Bloom was associated with two international accounting firms, rising from junior staff accountant to partner.

Bloom earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of Michigan. He is a certified public accountant.