

Tom Mahoney Named Deputy Executive Officer, Procurement



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(Nov. 20) Tom Mahoney married his kindergarten sweetheart, enlisted in the Air Force at age 18, graduated from college, won an officer's commission, earned two master's degrees and retired as a colonel.

Now, he's found "the best job in the world" in the MTA's Procurement Department as deputy executive officer for construction procurement.

In his new position, Mahoney is responsible for a 45-member department whose members develop, award and administer construction contracts and personal services and other contracts for MTA planning. He reports directly to Lonnie Mitchell, executive officer, Procurement.

"The best job in the world is being a construction contract administrator," says Mahoney, 47. "You get to watch a project from when it was a twinkle in someone's eye to the fully completed facility."

Managerial and executive positions

Prior to joining the MTA, Mahoney served in numerous managerial and executive positions in which he was responsible for buying parts and supplies and for contracts for major new construction and renovation projects at Air Force facilities in the U.S. and overseas.

As general manager of operational purchasing at the Air Force Material Command, he managed \$1.6 billion in purchases and contracts and was responsible for the activities of some 850 personnel at 10 locations.

During the mid-1990s, Mahoney served as a professor and department chairman at the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Ala. In that post, he also taught history and military strategy.

Mahoney earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Upper Iowa University in 1975 and a master's in business administration from Central Michigan University in 1976. In 1994, he earned a second master's degree in history from the University of Alabama. Currently, he is well along in the development of his doctoral thesis in public administration.

Mahoney recently bought a home in Orange with his wife, Ellen, director of nursing at St. Joseph Heritage Medical Clinic. The Mahoneys have two children, Christopher, 27, an Army artillery staff sergeant, and a daughter, Jennifer, 25.

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