

Mr. Charles Brink
X-51 A Program Manager

Mr. Charles Brink is currently the Air Force Research Laboratory's X-51A Scramjet Engine Demonstrator program manager. Mr. Brink has served in this capacity since program inception in 2003 and has led the \$246M effort through both Preliminary and Critical Design Reviews and is currently coordinating the efforts of the Boeing/Pratt Whitney Rocketdyne X-51 Consortium with the Air Force Flight Test Center, Naval Air Warfare Center, and NASA as the X-51A prepares for flight.

Mr. Brink's acquisition career has spanned over 27 years as both an active duty USAF officer and USAF civil servant. Mr. Brink is a retired Lieutenant Colonel with 21 years active duty acquisition experience at the Product Center, Logistic Center, Test Center, and Headquarters levels in various posts. He has served as a design engineer in the Ground Launched Cruise Missile, Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile, and National Aerospace Plane System Program Offices. His test experience includes serving as the F-15E Seek Eagle program manager at the 46 Test Wing, Eglin AFB FL during the F-15E's initial fielding. Then Major Brink oversaw the certification of over 20 different munitions, missiles, and electronic warfare pods on the Strike Eagle to include the AMRAAM, and the GBU-10/12/24/28 suite of laser guided munitions. For their efforts during DESERT STORM on the GBU-28, Major Brink's team won the both the 1991 Bernard P. Randolph Award and the 1991 Secretary of Defense Superior Management Award. Mr. Brink was also assigned to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and was the first ever Air Force Test Center Test Representative assigned to WR-ALC. In that capacity Mr. Brink represented all three of the then existing Air Force Test Centers (AF Flight Test Center, AF Development Test Center and Arnold Engineering and Development Center) as an advisor to the Commander on all test related issues while overseeing all ground and flight test activities at the logistics center. At Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, then Lieutenant Colonel Brink served in various posts in the Directorate of Requirements, the Engineering and Manufacturing Directorate, as well as serving as the Executive Officer to the Vice Commander.

Mr. Brink holds a B.S. in Mathematics from Villanova University, a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, and a Masters in Business Administration from Georgia College. He is a graduate the Defense Systems Management College Advanced Program Manager's Course and is a Certified Level III Acquisition Professional in Test and Evaluation, Program Management, and Systems Planning, Research, Development, and Engineering. His military decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.