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Robert Bender received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 from Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania majoring in Accounting and also in Business Management. He also received a Master of Arts degree in Personnel Administration and Industrial Relations from Saint Francis College in 1991. Robert came to the Office of the Inspector General, of the Department of Defense in 1990. He has worked in the Contract Management Directorate from 1990 to the present.

Mr. Bender has performed a wide variety of audits since coming to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense. Since 1998, the focus of his audits has been on contracts for services including multiple-award contracts and orders issued by DoD against GSA Federal Supply Schedules. The emphasis of these audits has been on the adequacy of competition and on fair and reasonable price determinations. As a result of these audits, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense provided input to Congressional hearings related to Section 803 of the 2002 Defense Appropriation Act.

Mr. Bender has received numerous awards throughout his career. To highlight one: in 2002 the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency awarded his team with the Award for Excellence for their exceptional performance in evaluating the procedures used by DoD contracting officials to purchase services estimated to cost about \$12 billion using multiple award contracts.

Mr. Bender enjoys outdoor sports including competitive archery and bowhunting and spends a considerable amount of time attending college wrestling tournaments where two of his nephews are national champions.