

Corporate Biography

Martin R. Franke

Martin Franke is the Director of Information Technology and Security and Chief Information Officer for the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA). He leads a team of more than 60 IT professionals responsible for a broad range of information technology solutions and services. His directorate includes a research library, systems development unit, enterprise operations and help desk group, and an information security team.

Prior to joining IDA in June 2007, Martin was responsible for criminal justice programs at the nonprofit research corporation Noblis. While there, he guided Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officials as they applied software and systems engineering to the management of programs, projects, and acquisition processes.

From 1999 to 2005, he served as an executive director at the national headquarters of the American Red Cross. Martin led a 150-person systems integration and software development organization in creating information technology solutions that directly supported the organization's relief and humanitarian operations.

In previous professional assignments, Martin managed a \$14-million-a-year consulting practice at Watson Wyatt Worldwide, and he supported NASA programs as an analyst and network manager with the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Martin obtained a master's degree in technical management from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in computer science from Loyola University Maryland.

