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## SSG Technical Director retires

**MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala**—Mr. Kenneth Heitkamp, technical director of the Headquarters Standard Systems Group, retired from Civil Service after more than 37 years of government service on January 13.

As Technical Director, he provided overall technical direction for Air Force standard combat support information systems that support missions at more than 200 active and reserve forces locations in the United States and overseas. He also served as the director of the Air Force Information Technology Commodity Council. The ITCC develops enterprise-wide buying strategies for the Air Force.

Mr. Heitkamp entered federal service in August 1966 at the Air Force Logistics Command computer center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He has occupied many information technology positions during his 37-year career with the Air Force. Initially technical in nature with system software and applications programming and systems analysis, he subsequently progressed through various software management, systems engineering, acquisition management, strategic planning and program management positions. These positions were associated with multibillion-dollar Air Force

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Computer Program, Integrated Computer Aided Software Engineering, Phases II through IV of the Air Force-wide Base Level Data Automation Standardization Program, the Defense Message System, the Defense Commissary Information System and the Global Combat Support System. He also established and directed the 900-person SSG Software Factory for more than 5 years which had responsibility for the SSG Systems Engineering Process, independent testing, software development and maintenance, software engineering, centralized Air Force help desk and the Air Force Network Operations Center.

Mr. Heitkamp and his wife Marilyn plan to remain in the local area.

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