

Donald L Grass

Mr. Grass was selected in May 2006 for his current position as Ground Mission Manager in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Chantilly, Virginia. Prior to that he was Director of the NRO SIGINT Ground Systems Office where he was responsible for the acquisition and development of all overhead infrastructure and processing for the three major mission ground stations and other operational locations directed by NSA.

Mr. Grass is a long-time employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, having spent most of his career in system engineering, operations and development of national systems. His early assignments were on CORONA, and subsequent generations of imaging programs. He left the NRO for seven years to work on other CIA activities, but returned to overhead programs for subsequent assignments including engineering management at a mission ground station, leadership of advanced concepts development and overhead system mix studies, and Chief of System Engineering for four years in a spacecraft development program office. He also served as Chief of System Engineering of the NRO SIGINT Directorate during its first years of existence after the consolidation of the NRO, and also served for a year as NSA's Chief of System Engineering in the NSA Transformation Office.