



Mr. Ken Looney
Technical Director
U.S. Army Joint Test Element

Ken Looney assumed the position of technical director of the U.S. Army Joint Test Element in June 2011. He is directly responsible for the technical oversight and guidance on all U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command resources and test activities that provide direct support to the Office of the Secretary of Defense Joint Test and Evaluation Program. In addition to overseeing the technical execution of all test plans and reports, he provides guidance to all internal and external strategic initiatives for the organization.

Prior to this position, Looney served as the lead test manager for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected and Route Clearance Vehicle Survivability programs with the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command during the period of August 2009 through June 2011. In this capacity, he was responsible for oversight, management, and coordination of test strategies across multiple test centers. He provided input to key acquisition documents and developed and implemented strategies for safety verification testing of Army and Department of Defense materiel. He also led test methodology development and validation efforts and provided technical input on instrumentation and test facility development.

Looney began his professional career in the commercial sector at Chrysler Corporation in Detroit, Mich., in 1996 as a design and development engineer. In 2000, he was employed at the Newark Assembly Plant in Newark, Del., as a plant vehicle engineer serving as liaison between the manufacturing facility and engineering personnel located in Detroit.

He began his federal employment at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in 2002. He spent the first seven years of his civil service testing combat vehicles at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, where he held positions of test officer and branch chief.

He was born in El Paso, Texas. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University in 1993 and 1995, respectively. He has completed numerous government-sponsored courses in acquisition and leadership and is Defense Acquisition University Level 3 certified in Test & Evaluation and Level 1 certified in Program Management. He has been twice awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.