

## **Captain John M. Holmes**

John M. Holmes is an Independent Marine Consultant and a maritime specialist with 40 years of experience in positions that include Chief Operating Officer, Fortune 500 executive, and senior level Coast Guard Officer. His clients have included The Port of Oakland, The Port of Long Beach, Northeastern University in Boston, MA, the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Dr. Holmes was also the Co-Principal Investigator on a MacArthur Foundation Grant project regarding Bolstering Counter-Proliferation Efforts within the Global Supply System. Prior to his current position Dr. Holmes served as Deputy Executive Director for the Port of Los Angeles, where he was responsible for managing the day to day operations at the nation's largest port. Before joining the port, he was Chief Operating Officer of the Marsec Group, a consulting firm specializing in port, border and supply chain security. Prior to this, Dr. Holmes was a Vice President at Science Applications International Corporation, where he implemented technological solutions to homeland security challenges.

Dr. Holmes retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2003 following 27 years of service, where he retired at the rank of Captain. His posts included Captain of the Port for the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex. Captain Holmes was at the helm on September 11, 2001, and has been credited with actions that led to the creation of number of national initiatives regarding port and maritime security. During his Coast Guard Career, Captain Holmes served as Deputy Chief of the Office of Congressional Affairs, as a Country Team Member at the U.S. Embassy in Singapore, and as Committee Chairman at the International Maritime Organization in London.

Dr. Holmes holds bachelor's degrees in English and Education from Boston College, a Master's Degree in business administration from Washington University, and a Doctorate in Policy, Planning and Development from the Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. His area of expertise is global WMD Treaty Compliance, with a particular emphasis on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1373 and 1540. He is a certified instructor with the Department of Defense and the Department of State, and has developed courses and exercises for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. He has also led or been a principal in engagements in over 25 different countries around the globe.