

BIOGRAPHY:

Valentine (Val) John Pietrasiewicz is currently acting as Chief, Telecommunications and Information Technology Planning Division, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS)/National Telecommunications and Information Administration. He has over 30 years of engineering experience both in Industry and Government. During the late 1960's he performed mechanical design functions at the Blaw-Knox Corporation, and acted as an Electrical Systems and Production Engineer (domestic locomotive engineering) at the General Electric Company. From 1970 to 1979, he served as a Program Manager in the Telecommunication Systems Division of the Naval Electronic Systems Command (Headquarters). From 1979 to 1983 he was with ITS, and acted as a Project Leader in both the Communications Protection Group and the Switched Networks Analysis Group. In 1983 he became Chief of the Switched Networks Analysis Group.

In 1985, Mr. Pietrasiewicz left the Federal Service to become Vice-President of the CyberLink Corporation, a small business specializing in telecommunications engineering consulting. During 1988, he accepted a position of Associate Deputy Director of ITS, assisting the Chief of the Systems and Networks Division. During a Division management shortage in 1989 and 1990, he took on an additional responsibility as Chief of the System Performance Standards Group. He has been in his current position since 1999.

Val Pietrasiewicz received his Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from Gannon University in 1970, and did graduate work in Electrical Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In 1976 he graduated from the Department of Defense's Defense System Management College after completing the Program Management curriculum. He received his MS degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1977. He has been awarded Bronze and Silver Medals by the U.S. Department of Commerce for his technical contributions.