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Robert E. Ray is a Special Agent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General. He serves as Director of the Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. The Academy provides basic and advanced training to more than 4,000 criminal investigators in 72 federal Offices of Inspectors General. Mr. Ray previously served as a Program Manager for Academy advanced and specialized training programs. Before joining the Academy, Mr. Ray was the FLETC's Deputy Assistant Director for Glynco Training Operations and Deputy Assistant Director for Training Management. He was also Chief of the FLETC's Training Management Division, serving as the Program Manager for all Glynco-based interagency basic training programs, including the FLETC's flagship Criminal Investigator Training Program.

In addition, Mr. Ray was a Senior Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General. While assigned to the Indianapolis field office, he was a member of the Indianapolis Safe Streets Gang Task Force and served as a Marion County Special Deputy Sheriff, where he led multiple task force investigations and two large-scale fugitive sweep operations. Mr. Ray also served as a firearms instructor, defensive tactics instructor, and confidential informant coordinator.

Mr. Ray holds a Bachelor of Science in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University, where he also completed graduate courses and served as a graduate assistant in the College of Law Enforcement. Additionally, Mr. Ray has completed the DHS Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program and earned a Certificate of Executive Qualifications from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society program, and the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.