

Mark Hovatter
Director, Facilities Contracts

Mark Hovatter is Director of Facilities Contracts for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He oversees all contractual agreements for facilities projects on behalf of the District.

Hovatter has more than 25 years experience in construction contracting and civil engineering. He is a veteran in management of multi-cultural and multi-skilled personnel and practices high-quality customer and employee-oriented management.

Prior to joining the District, Hovatter served in the United States Navy for 23 years. His Naval career began when he enlisted in the Navy in 1980. His career progressed rapidly, and he soon received his Bachelors of Civil Engineering Degree at the University of Kansas and was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy in 1987. He was assigned to an Amphibious Construction Battalion in Coronado, California for his first assignment as an Officer; then sent to the Naval Air Facility, El Centro, California where he administered a 14-million dollar facilities contract, along with numerous smaller contracts. From there he went to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia where he wore a dual hat of Resident Officer in Charge of Construction and Public Works Officer. During the time Hovatter was at the Marine Base, they received two coveted Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence awards. He was also awarded a Meritorious Service Medal, which is usually reserved for Officers of a higher grade.

From Georgia, Hovatter was sent to the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme, California where he served as the Construction Equipment Division Officer. He was in charge of the budget and contracting for repair of all the equipment utilized by the Seabees in the western United States. He was then offered and accepted assignment to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he retired after serving a three-year tour. His duties included contract formation and administration. He was also responsible for the upkeep of many buildings which were on the State Historical Register. While there, he successfully lobbied to tear down old class rooms/laboratories and built new ones which were much more cost effective.

Hovatter received his Masters of Engineering Degree in Construction Management from the University of Florida.