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John Okay is currently a Partner at Topside Consulting Group, an organization that provides consulting services to both industry and government. Dr. Okay's expertise includes business strategy, enterprise management, and operations management.

Following an award-winning career in federal service, Dr. Okay transitioned into the consulting business in 1998 serving as the Sr. Vice President at Federal Sources, Inc. In 1999 he founded his own consulting firm serving both government and industry. In 2003, he partnered with Bob Woods to establish Topside Consulting Group.

During his 30 year federal career, Dr. Okay held executive IT positions at USDA and GSA. His last position was Deputy Commissioner of GSA's Federal Technology Service. Prior to that, he was the Senior IRM Official (CIO) at USDA.

He is a four-time winner of FCW's "Federal 100" and recipient of two Presidential Rank Awards.

Dr. Okay has long been active in the Industry Advisory Council.

- One of the founders of the Partners Program as the first government co-chair in 1997
- Past chair of Telecommunications Shared Interest Group
- Industry co-chair of Workshop Committee for MOC 2005
- Industry co-chair of Program Committee for MOC 2006
- Recognized as Outstanding Industry Contributor of the Year for 2006.
- Member of Advisory Committee for MOC 2007
- Chair of Award Committee for ELC 2007

He holds a BS degree in agriculture and graduate degrees in economics and natural resources from Michigan State University. He completed the Information Resource Management Program at Harvard Graduate School of Business.