

BIOGRAPHY

JUSTIN A. CARDER is the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer (CDAO) at the Defense Contract Audit Agency's (DCAA) Operations Directorate in Washington, D.C. Mr. Carder leads teams to develop innovative solutions to complex data challenges and oversees DCAA's Data Governance Program. With over a decade in public service, Mr. Carder is driven by leading people and change through wide-ranging government environments.

Mr. Carder graduated from King's College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and later earned an Executive Master of Policy Leadership from Georgetown University in 2016. His dedication to his work and his team has earned him a multitude of awards, including the William B. Petty Special Achievement Award for Management Excellence in 2025, recognizing his leadership, innovative solutions, and contributions to organizational efficiency. He also received the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence for leading the development of automation in data management during a special assignment to the Office of the Director of Administration and Management under the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

