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Prior to assuming the role of Acting Administrator of NASA in January 2009, Chris Scolese served for two years as Associate Administrator, the highest civil servant position within the agency. Before that appointment, he was NASA's Chief Engineer, responsible for the overall review and technical readiness of all NASA programs. He previously served as Deputy Center Director of Goddard Space Flight Center, Deputy Associate Administrator in the NASA Office of Space Science, Program Manager of the Earth Observing System, and Project Manager of EOS Terra.