



## Dennis Copeland

*2009 Black Engineer of the Year Professional Achievement in Industry Award*



Dennis Copeland retired as a principal information systems engineer in MITRE's Homeland Security Center. During his 35-year career, he served as technical manager for many of the company's federal civilian work programs, including the General Services Administration and Social Security Administration. . He led a team assisting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with analysis of alternative approaches to evolving the biometric system that is critical to validating and verifying the entry and exit of foreign visitors to the United States, and critical in detecting terrorists and criminals. Copeland was honored in the Black Engineer of the Year Award Professional Achievement in Industry category for his contributions to the evolution of federal systems technology and acquisition-oriented processes. He has taught internal technology courses, published in technical journals, and has presented at conferences on expert systems. Copeland holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Maryland and a certificate in management in technology organizations from American University in Washington.