

Deidre A. Lee

Director of Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy



Ms. Deidre A. Lee assumed her position as Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy on November 3, 2002. Before assuming this position, Ms. Lee was the Director of Defense Procurement for two years. Ms. Lee is responsible for all acquisition and procurement policy matters in the Department of Defense. She serves as the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics and Defense Acquisition Board on acquisition/procurement strategies for all major weapon systems programs, major automated information systems programs, and services acquisitions. She is responsible for the acquisition workforce career development and training as well as AT&L's external electronic business efforts, including support to the Financial Management Modernization Program. She is leading the Department's transformational policy initiatives in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Defense FAR Supplement, and the DoD 5000 acquisition regulations. She is DoD's advisor for competition, source selection, multiyear contracting, warranties, leasing and all international contracting matters.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Ms. Lee served as the Administrator for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy from July 1998 to June 2000. From March 1993 until July 1998, Ms. Lee served as the Associate Administrator for Procurement at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Prior to that, she served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement and the Executive Officer to the Deputy Administrator of NASA. She rose through the ranks to become NASA's senior acquisition official and has a distinguished record as a reformer and innovator.

From 1984 until 1990, she worked at the Johnson Space Center, as Chief of the Space Shuttle Procurement Division, Chief of the Orbiter and STS Integration Procurement Branch, and Chief of the Data Systems and Aircraft Operations Branch.

She was awarded NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal and Exceptional Achievement Medal. In 1996 and 2001, she was a recipient of the Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award. In March 2001, Ms. Lee received the Honorable Elmer B. Staats Award for Accountability.

Ms. Lee began her career with the Department of Defense where she served in various procurement related positions which included base procurement in Okinawa, Japan; systems acquisition at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts; and logistics procurement at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Ms. Lee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.