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Dr. Joseph Ferrara is deputy director of OSD Studies, Federally Funded R&D Centers, and Initiatives in the office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. Joe's office is responsible for managing various programs, including OSD Studies, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, and University-Affiliated Research Center programs. In addition, the office develops special policy initiatives.

Joe has also served as director of Acquisition Systems Management and director of Congressional Actions for the Under Secretary of Defense. He was a team leader with the Commission on the Roles and Missions of the U.S. Armed Forces and an assistant director with the Defense Management Review Task Force. He has received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Civilian Service (three times), as well as the Vice President's "Hammer" Award for Reinventing Government (two times), and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence.

Joe began his federal career in 1984 as a Presidential Management Intern, after receiving a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of South Carolina. He also holds a Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Joe teaches undergraduate and graduate courses as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, and also teaches a graduate course for the Defense Leadership and Management Program. He has previously taught at The George Washington University and Northern Virginia Community College. Joe has published articles in various professional journals, including the American Politics Quarterly and the Acquisition Review Quarterly.