

LEE, Ms. Deidre

Director, Defense Procurement

Ms. Deidre A. Lee assumed her position as Director of Defense Procurement on June 4, 2000. Ms. Lee is responsible for all matters related to procurement policy in the Department of Defense. This includes directing the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council and developing policy for contract pricing and financing, contract administration, international contracting, and training of contracting personnel. In addition, she serves as the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on major weapon system contracting strategies as well as an advisor to the Defense Acquisition Board on procurement matters.

Prior to this appointment, 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.