



New Defense Procurement Director Named

Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Jacques S. Gansler today announced that Deidre A. Lee, currently Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), has been selected to become the new Director of Defense Procurement. Lee will replace Eleanor Spector, who retired in February.



As Director of Defense Procurement, Lee will be 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 will be the principal advisor to Gansler on major weapon system contracting strategies as well as an advisor to the Defense Acquisition Board on procurement matters.

Lee has been the head of OFPP since July 1998. Prior to that, she had been Associate Administrator for Procurement at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for five years. She was awarded NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal and Exceptional Achievement Medal. In 1996, she was a recipient of the Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award.

Lee holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central State University, Edmond, Okla., and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma. She is expected to begin her new duties at the Pentagon later this month.

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