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Joanne Schoonover is the Vice President of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). In this position, she is responsible for aligning DAU strategic plans to the goals of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and the Secretary of Defense, while continuing to build the outstanding reputation of DAU as the Department of Defense primary learning institution for acquisition. She oversees the development and expansion of acquisition curriculum and learning opportunities and the delivery of those learning assets throughout the five DAU regional campuses, the Defense Systems Management College, and the College of Contract Management.

Prior to this assignment, she was the Dean of the Capital and Northeast Region at the DAU, where she was responsible for providing acquisition education and training to approximately 40,000 defense department acquisition professionals within the Capital and Northeast Region. Previously, Ms. Schoonover served several roles within the Defense Systems Management College of DAU. She was the Performance Learning Director for a portfolio executive leadership courses. Previously she served as Center Director, Executive Development where she provided all of DSMC's executive and program management courses. She has also served as the Course Manager for the Executive Program Manager's Course, a program management instructor and an executive coach.

Prior to joining DAU, Mrs. Schoonover served as an industry executive holding corporate strategy and business development positions with the Raytheon Company. She represented the company on the National Security Space Committee of the Aerospace Industries Association and on the strategic forecast team for the Government Electronics and Information Technology Association. She also served as the industry representative on the Interim Review Panel of the Defense Acquisition Process Assessment team.

Ms. Schoonover retired from the United States Air Force as a colonel with 26 years of service, including over 21 years in acquisition and program management. In acquisition, she led several ACAT IC/D space and tactical missile programs. She was the Deputy Director for the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System and the Director of Space and C3I at Ogden Air Logistics Center. She has also served as Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and as the Senior Military Advisor the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Mrs. Schoonover is certified at Level III in Program Management and in Acquisition Logistics. She holds master's degrees in Systems Management from the University of Southern California School of Engineering and in National Resource Management from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She was also a Fellow in the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government for Senior Executives.