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Ms. Carns was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) in 2016 and currently serves as the Director for Policy and Process for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Policy and Systems. She is responsible for developing and maintaining financial management policy for the Department of the Navy (DON). She also leads various efforts for developing and implementing corrective actions to audit findings.

From 2012 to 2016, Ms. Carns served as the branch head for shipbuilding and associated programs in the Investment Division of Financial Management and Budget (FMB2). Her duties included review and oversight of shipbuilding and related programs in Investment appropriations and the National Defense Sealift Fund. She was responsible for an Investment portfolio of primarily major defense acquisition programs totaling over \$26 billion per fiscal year.

Ms. Carns served as the Comptroller lead from 2010 to 2012 in the second year of Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation at Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters (NAVSEA). From 2004 to 2010, she worked as a contractor supporting the Business Financial Manager (BFM) of the LPD-17 Shipbuilding program office at NAVSEA. As the contract task lead, she supervised a contractor staff supporting the preparation of budget justification material, execution reporting and coordination of the annual business planning process. She also represented the BFM on the Budget Structures Working Group to implement Navy ERP at NAVSEA.

Prior to 2004, Ms. Carns stayed home as a full time parent for 13 years and served her family and community in numerous volunteer capacities in PTA, Girl Scouts, and Booster organizations.

Ms. Carns entered federal service as a Presidential Management Intern at NAVSEA in 1981, and after completing various rotational assignments remained at NAVSEA as a budget analyst in the Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy (SCN) appropriation division. Her subsequent promotion to Division Director marked the first time a woman was promoted to a GM-15 position in the Comptroller Directorate at NAVSEA. Her responsibilities included the development of budget estimates and justification material for all shipbuilding programs, and the administrative control of funds for the SCN appropriation which totaled approximately \$10 billion annually during the period of the Navy's build up to a 600-ship Navy.

Ms. Carns earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics from Villanova University, and a Master of Public Administration from the Pennsylvania State University. In addition to numerous performance awards, Ms. Carns received the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2016. She is a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.