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Ms. Donnelly currently serves as the Director of the Support Equipment (SE) and Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Engineering Department of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) located in Lakehurst, NJ. In this capacity she is the technical authority and spokesperson for all research engineering and fleet support related to Aircraft Platform Interface equipment critical to the Naval Aviation Enterprise. She leads a national organization that spans 23 sites world-wide and includes over 1,300 civilian and military professionals. She directly manages a budget of \$80M, and substantially influences a Command annual budget of nearly \$370M. She has over 32 years in civil service and was selected to the Senior Executive Service in March 2008.

Under her leadership, the SE and ALRE Department established a series of strategic partnerships with academia resulting in recognition as the Co-Op Employer of the Year as well as the Employer of Year Award from the Steven's Institute of Technology. The New Jersey Institute of Technology recognized her Department as the Best-in-Class Recruiting Partner and her Department was also awarded the prestigious ERE Recruiter Award for Best Retention Program Practices. Ms. Donnelly is a founding member of the NAVAIR Women's Advisory Group and led NAVAIR Lakehurst's inaugural Women Moving Forward Symposium. She has served as a distinguished panel member on the Women in Defense Symposium: Cultivating Today's Leaders for Tomorrow's Challenges as well as the Society of Women Engineers Conference. She was profiled in the Diversity / Careers in Engineering and Information Technology periodical and received honors for her work on the Diversity Life Cycle Sustainment Team.

Prior to her selection, Ms. Donnelly distinguished herself in leadership positions in support of high profile SE and ALRE programs. As ALRE In-Service Deputy Program Manager, she led a series of teams that provided on-site technical expertise including overhaul and certification of over 2,000 deployed ALRE systems. Her teams received numerous commendations from the Command and within the Naval Aviation Enterprise including the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division's Commander's Award. As the ALRE Flight Safe Program Manager she was responsible for the quality of ALRE Flight Critical Items. As PMA-251 Launcher Deputy Program Manager she led the NAVAIR cross-competency team in planning and oversight of the development and acquisition of the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System and was personally recognized with the NAVAIR Commander's Award.

Ms. Donnelly earned her Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Villanova University, an MBA degree from Monmouth University and is a graduate of the Defense Systems

Management College's Advanced Systems Planning, Research, Development / Engineering and Advanced Program Management courses. She is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community and a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program.

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