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Mr. Charles L. Bidwell serves as the Assistant General Counsel (Financial Management and Comptroller) (FM&C) in the Department of the Navy (DON). In this capacity, he is the chief fiscal attorney for the DON and the principal legal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C). Mr. Bidwell was the Counsel, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, from July 2013 to June 2017. At NAVFAC, he directed a varied legal practice that included matters of military construction, energy, and other acquisition, real estate, and environmental planning and compliance. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service as Deputy Counsel, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), in September 2010.

Mr. Bidwell began his legal career in September 1991, as an associate at the law firm of McKenna & Cuneo, in Washington, D.C., practicing government contract law and litigation. In February 1995, he joined the DON Office of the General Counsel as a program attorney at the Naval Air Systems Command. In October 2001, he transferred to the Department of Defense Office of General Counsel as an Associate General Counsel (Acquisition & Logistics), responsible for advising the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) and staff regarding major weapon systems programs and other acquisition matters. Mr. Bidwell returned to the DON Office of the General Counsel in April 2006, as the Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel. In July 2007, he joined the NAVSEA Office of Counsel as the Head of the Systems Section. Mr. Bidwell was selected as the Deputy Assistant General Counsel (Research, Development and Acquisition) in January 2010. In that role, he advised the DON's Senior Procurement Executive and staff regarding the full range of acquisition issues.

Mr. Bidwell received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Yale University in 1986, and a juris doctor degree from the New York University School of Law in 1991. He has received the Office of the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award and the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Mr. Bidwell is a member of the State Bar of California and the District of Columbia Bar.