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Mr. Bradford Neff is the Deputy Director, Undersea Warfare Division (OPNAV N97B), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Warfare Systems) assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). The Undersea Warfare Division serves as the Resource and Requirements sponsor for the Navy's Undersea Warfare portfolio, including manpower, training, research and development, procurement and sustainment of Undersea platforms, combat systems, sensors and weapons.

Mr. Neff was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) in September 2019. Prior to his appointment in 2019, Mr. Neff served as a government civilian for one year on the staff of the Technical Director, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head EOD Technology Division, in support of the Warfare Center's Naval Energetic Strategy. Mr. Neff proudly served for 31 years in the United States Navy. As a commissioned officer and career submariner, he commanded USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735)(BLUE), served as Major Program Manager, Submarine Acoustic Systems (PMS 401), and completed his active duty career at OPNAV, serving as Head, Tactical Systems Branch on the staff of the Undersea Warfare Division.

Mr. Neff earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, and is Level III certified in Program Management by the Defense Acquisition University. He has received numerous awards throughout his career including the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Naval Submarine League's Rear Admiral Jack Darby Award for Inspirational Leadership in Command and the Vice Admiral J. Guy Reynolds Award for Excellence in Acquisition.