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Mr. Daniel Nega currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air Programs) (DASN (AIR)), where he has been assigned since February 2018. He is the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN (RDA)) on matters relating to aircraft, cruise missiles, air-launched weapons, airborne sensors, avionics and related ancillary and support equipment.

DASN (AIR) monitors and advises the ASN (RDA) on programs managed by the Naval Air Systems Command, the PEO Tactical Aircraft Programs, the PEO Air ASW, Assault and Special Mission Programs, the PEO Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons and the Joint Strike Fighter. The DASN makes programmatic recommendations and technical development recommendations, conducts independent studies and analyzes industry capability for production and repair of aircraft.

In his previous assignment, Mr. Nega served as Director of the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Cost Estimating and Analysis Department. He was responsible for all aspects of cost estimates and cost-related analysis for programs under the cognizance of NAVAIR and NAVAIR affiliated aviation Program Executive Offices (PEOs). He served as the Department of the Navy's authority on naval aviation acquisition life cycle cost estimating and analysis. He also served as an authoritative technical consultant on naval aviation acquisition life cycle cost, and matters concerning the historic, current, and emerging trends in the aviation industry.

In June 2009, Mr. Daniel Nega was selected to the Senior Executive Service to serve as the Director of the Aviation Readiness and Resource Analysis Department, within NAVAIR's Logistics and Industrial Operations Group. He served in this role until October 2014, where he was responsible for analyzing the impacts of logistics elements, characteristics of weapon systems, and operational deployment patterns on Naval Aviation readiness. The Department's products include readiness & resource assessments, aviation maintenance information systems, technical data and total asset visibility.

Prior to his selection, Mr. Nega was the division manager responsible for leading a national staff of professionals that provided analytical tools, processes and techniques to analyze logistics data to develop optimized solutions in support of Naval Aviation readiness at reduced cost. He is a plank owner of the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Nega served as a Competency Manager within NAVAIR's systems engineering organization, leading a team of professionals who successfully executed all aspects of mass properties engineering in support of Naval Aviation programs. He was directly responsible for the successful mass properties engineering of two aviation development programs, the MV-22 and the F/A-18E/F.

Mr. Nega earned his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering in 1986 from the University of Michigan. He is a graduate of NAVAIR's Senior Executive Management Development Program and a member of the Acquisition Professional Community. During his career, he has received numerous awards and commendations, including the Department of the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.