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Ms. Deborah Rafi is the Director, Contracts, Grants, and Acquisitions at Office of Naval Research (ONR). As Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA), she is responsible for management of all acquisition and grant matters related to execution of the Department of Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology programs.

Previously, Ms. Rafi served as Director of University Business Affairs at the Office of Naval Research (ONR) from October 2013 to March 2017. She was responsible for providing customer-focused contract and grant management support to the Defense Department's Science and Technology (S&T) programs at institutions of higher education (domestic and foreign) and nonprofit organizations. She also served as Director for ONR's Indirect Cost Branch from March 2001 to September 2013, responsible for negotiation of indirect cost rates and audit resolution services to over 40 universities and 90 nonprofits organizations.

Ms. Rafi was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in April 2017. She has over 30 years of federal civilian service.

She is a member of the Navy's Acquisition Professional Community since 1997 and maintains a Contracting Level III certification. She has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration from the California State University, Fullerton.