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## Lara C. Sayer



### **Comptroller Office of Naval Research**



Ms. Sayer was appointed as the Comptroller for the Office of Naval Research on October 27, 2019. A skilled change agent, she is directly responsible for building and leading a team of professionals in the management and oversight of financial resources that enable the research, development, test and evaluation and related activities that propel future capabilities for the Department of the Navy.

Ms. Sayer was appointed to the Senior Executive Service on January 27, 2017, as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for United States Special Operations Command. As the Deputy Chief Financial Officer she was responsible for special operations budget and execution activities totaling more than \$13 billion annually. She provided fiscal direction and guidance to the four USSOCOM component commands, a sub-unified command and 7 theater special operations commands.

Ms. Sayer came to USSOCOM from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller, Office of Budget (FMB), where she served as the Assistant for Special Programs. There she was responsible for the formulation, distribution, & execution of an annual budget in excess of \$33 billion of O&M, RDT&E, procurement, MILCON and Intelligence funding for the Air Force, COCOMs, other DoD services & federal agencies. Prior to this assignment, she held several challenging positions in Air Force Space and Missile System Program Offices, culminating as the Chief Financial Officer for the Launch and Range programs at the Space and Missile Systems Center.

Ms. Sayer began her federal career in September 1998 as a Department of the Air Force Palace Acquire intern. She has more than 21 years of finance and acquisition experience supporting a variety of defense acquisition programs. She has held positions of increased responsibility in the areas of budget formulation, resource management and program control. Her experience spans several appropriations and functional areas, including budget, earned value management, cost and acquisition.

Ms. Sayer holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance and a Master of Business Administration from Wright State University. She also has a Masters in National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School at National Defense University. Ms. Sayer's awards include the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award, two Meritorious Civilian Service Awards, and one Exemplary Civilian Service Award. She has a Level 3 DoD FM Certification, is DAWIA Level 3 certified in Financial Management and Level 1 in Program Management and is a Certified Defense Financial Manager with Acquisition Specialty.