

Ms. Jenness B. Simler joined The Boeing Company in 2017, following many years of service in both the Legislative and Executive Branches of the U.S. Government. She is the Vice President, Boeing Global Services and Federal Acquisition Policy within Government Operations.



From 2005 through 2017, Jenness served as a member of the professional staff of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. House of Representatives. Most recently, she performed the duties of the Staff Director of the Committee and also served as the Deputy Staff Director for 4 years. In these roles, Jenness was the senior advisor to the Committee Chairman - responsible for strategic planning and operations of the committee, leading the staff, and delivering the annual defense policy bill, which authorizes over half of the federal discretionary budget and sets policy for the conduct of military operations, procurement, research, civilian and military personnel matters, military construction, nuclear security, and the organization and management of the armed services. Previously, Jenness served as the policy director for the committee, conducted oversight of Navy and Marine Corps procurement and research and development programs, managed the defense acquisition policy and industrial base portfolio, and had responsibility for defense science and technology programs.

Prior to her work in Congress, Jenness served as the deputy to the Chairman, Combating Terrorism Technology Task Force within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She worked closely with multiple Defense laboratories and agencies, National Labs, combatant commands, and the joint task force established to defeat Improvised Explosive Devices to identify promising technologies and develop counter-terrorism/counter-insurgency concepts.

Jenness' previous experience also includes several years as a program officer at the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and as a project engineer within an industry consortium managing composites manufacturing technology programs for the Navy. At ONR, Jenness was responsible for programs in the areas of advanced composite materials and joining technologies.

Jenness holds an MBA, from the University of Maryland-College Park, and a BS in Mathematics, from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS.