



Elizabeth A. McGrath

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Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) McGrath is the Department of Defense Deputy Chief Management Officer and the Department's Performance Improvement Officer. In these roles, Ms. McGrath leads the Department's effort to better synchronize, integrate, and coordinate Department of Defense (DoD) business operations and serves as the Principal Staff Assistant (PSA) and advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for matters relating to management and the improvement of business operations. Ms. McGrath is focused on achieving an effective, agile and innovative business environment across the Department's enterprise that promotes sustainability, transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Ms. McGrath is responsible for generating the DoD Strategic Management Plan; administering the DBSMC, the Department's primary governance body for overseeing business operations; establishing performance goals and measurements for the Department's business functions; and implementing DoD's Continuous Process Improvement. She serves as the vice chair of the Federal Performance Accountability Council overseeing government-wide security clearance process reform initiatives, and leads the Department's effort on the joint integrated Electronic Health Record initiative with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. McGrath retains acquisition decision authority over a \$3 billion information technology (IT) business system portfolio and investment management responsibility for an additional \$4 billion business IT systems/initiatives. Her role as DCMO requires integration and coordination across DoD and other inter-governmental agencies to include the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accountability Office.



Previously, Ms. McGrath served as the Deputy Director for Systems Integration, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) where she created a financial migration strategy that included a comprehensive architecture and identification of DoD-wide systems valued at more than \$1 billion.

Prior to joining DFAS, Ms. McGrath served in a variety of Program Management roles culminating in Program Executive Office (PEO) level oversight responsibility. She possesses extensive knowledge of acquisition-related statutes, regulations and policies and more than 20 years applied acquisition experience with Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAP) and Major Automated Information Systems (MAIS). She served as the Business and Acquisition Manager on an international program with the United Kingdom and held numerous other financial, acquisition and program management positions within the US Department of the Navy.

Ms. McGrath holds a B.S. degree in Economics from George Mason University and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute (FEI). She is certified Acquisition Level III in Program Management, Financial Management and Logistics, is a member of the DoD Acquisition Professional Community, and a member of the National Academy of Public Administration. Her awards include: National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation, Presidential Rank Award, Office of the Secretary of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, and DoD Medal for Distinguished Public Service. She has been recognized by Government Computer News with the Defense IT Executive of the Year award and has also received multiple Federal 100 awards.

