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Mrs. McFarland recently retired as the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Acquisition ASD(A), and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics & Technology (ASAALT) In this role, she was the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on all matters related to acquisition programs, the acquisition workforce, and acquisition policy for the Department of Defense. In her role as ASAALT, she oversaw the execution of the Army's acquisition function, including life-cycle management and sustainment of Army weapons systems and research and development programs, managing the Army Acquisition Corps, and served as the science advisor to the secretary of the Army and as the Army's senior research and development official and senior procurement executive.

She previously served as the President of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), the Director for Acquisition for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), and as Product Group Director for Battle Management and Air Defense Systems (over \$3B) for the United States Marine Corps.

Mrs. McFarland began her civil service career in 1986 as a general engineer at Headquarters Marine Corps where she was accredited as a Materials, Mechanical, Civil and Electronics Engineer. She has received an Honorary Doctoral of Engineering from the University of Cranfield, United Kingdom; the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Department of the Navy Civilian Tester of the Year Award, and the Navy and United States Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service. She is DAWIA Level-III-certified in Program Management, Engineering, and Testing as well as having a professional engineer license and having attained her PMP certification.