

## **Carolyn Kirby**

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Carolyn Kirby serves as an assistant director of acquisition sourcing and management issues and has had a 25-year career with the GAO, the audit, evaluation, and investigative arm of the Congress. GAO exists to support Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and to help improve the performance and accountability of the federal government for the American people. Since 2002, Ms. Kirby has led several best practices reviews to identify ways for defense and civilian agencies to plan and manage the procurement of products and services more cost effectively. Her recent work has focused on how best practices of leading companies for using spend analysis to take a more strategic approach to procurement could be used in the federal government to leverage buying power, reduce purchasing costs, and improve supplier performance and management. Before 2002, Ms. Kirby led numerous reviews of Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pharmaceutical procurement collaboration and contractor-supported managed care operations, pharmacy benefit management, and family dental benefit programs. Ms. Kirby was responsible for several reports to congressional committees advising Congress and agency heads about improvements needed to make military and veterans health care programs more cost-effective and responsive.

Ms. Kirby received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Virginia Tech and a Master of Science degree in resource development from Michigan State University.