



ACQUISITION  
AND SUSTAINMENT

## OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND  
(ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE)  
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE)  
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION  
COMMAND (ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(PROCUREMENT)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
(PROCUREMENT)  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
(CONTRACTING)  
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Acting Director, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Defense Pricing and Contracting

Effective August 1, 2023, Ms. Linda Neilson, Director, Defense Acquisition Regulations System (DARS), has retired from federal service. On behalf of our DoD Contracting community, we celebrate Ms. Neilson's remarkable career of over 40 years of service to our nation, culminating in her outstanding leadership as the DARS Director for the past 15 years.

I have designated Ms. Dawn Messer as the Acting Director, DARS, Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC). In that capacity, she is responsible for all operations and activities of the DPC/DARS office.

John M. Tenaglia  
Principal Director,  
Defense Pricing and Contracting