

Tanya M. Skeen

Executive Director

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Ms. Tanya M. Skeen, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Executive Director for the F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office in Arlington, VA. Ms. Skeen is responsible for acquiring and delivering the Department of Defense's affordable and sustainable fifth-generation strike aircraft as well as the F-35 Global Sustainment Strategy for three U.S. Services and eight Partner Countries.

Ms. Skeen previously served as the Executive Director, Army Rapid Capabilities Office. In this position, she was responsible for expediting the fielding of critical combat capabilities to the warfighter and enhancing materiel responses to meet Combatant Commanders' needs. Ms. Skeen led the Army Rapid Capabilities Office mission to rapidly develop, acquire, integrate and equip selected capabilities; implement streamlined acquisition methods, processes and techniques; and act as an agent of change by challenging traditional approaches.

Prior to that position, she served as the Deputy Director of Test and Evaluation, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. where she was responsible for policy, resources and oversight of developmental and operational testing, and the Air Force head of foreign materiel acquisition and exploitation. She assisted the Director in overseeing a \$4 billion Air Force test infrastructure and the programming and execution of the Air Force test portfolio with an annual budget of \$1.9 billion.

In earlier assignments, Ms. Skeen served as the Program Executive Officer Chief Engineer at the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office where her responsibilities included technical oversight and approval of a multi-billion dollar portfolio. She also served as the Program Director for multiple programs including the Unmanned Aerospace System Command and Control Open Architecture Standards Initiative and the Air Force Common Mission Control Center for multiple domain weapons system command and control.

A native of Kent, Ohio, Ms. Skeen was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1990 following graduation from Purdue University where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. In the Navy, she served as a Technical Instructor and Assistant Director at the Nuclear Power Training Command and also received her Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Central Florida. After leaving the Navy, she held numerous private sector positions in engineering and flight test of air, space and ground weapons systems.

Ms. Skeen is the recipient of the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award, the Purdue University Outstanding Aerospace Engineering Award, the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award, the Exemplary Civilian Service Award, the Department of Defense Value Engineering Award, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Annual Award for Acquisition Process Improvement and the Navy Achievement Medal.
