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Ms. Valdez began serving as the deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for ship programs in June 2015. In this capacity, she is responsible for executive oversight of all naval shipbuilding programs, major ship conversions, and the maintenance, modernization and disposal of in-service ships. She is also responsible for executive oversight of cost, schedule and performance of surface ship, submarine, and Marine Corps combat systems, electronic warfare systems, shipboard radars, and Navy missile defense programs. Ms. Valdez has over 29 years of civilian service with the Department of the Navy and the Department of Homeland Security.

From January 2012 to June 2015, she served as the executive director for the Program Executive Office (PEO) for submarines. In this position, she was the senior civilian official responsible for the daily operations of PEO Submarines, including civilian management, and design, acquisition and construction for submarine platform and undersea systems.

Ms. Valdez served as the director of the investment and development division within the Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller) from 2010 to 2012. Her responsibilities included analyzing and making recommendations concerning budget policies and estimates in the areas of procurement, research and development, and construction.

Ms. Valdez was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) in July 2009 to serve as budget director for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. As budget director for ICE, Ms. Valdez oversaw an annual budget of more than five billion dollars, providing timely and accurate preparation of all external budget requests for funding, ensuring the most efficient and productive use of ICE resources.

Immediately prior to SES selection, Ms. Valdez was the head of the shipbuilding, modernization and sealift branch in the Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller). As the branch head for the Navy's shipbuilding and

modernization budget, her responsibilities included budget formulation, justification, execution and supervision of a financial management workforce.

From January 2002 to December 2004, Ms. Valdez was the deputy program manager for the SSGN conversion program. Her duties covered a broad range of program and technical requirements as well as administration and personnel management. As the civilian leader of the program office, she oversaw a team of civilian and military personnel that derived budgets, contracts, logistics, and design requirements for the decisive and successful execution of the program.

Ms. Valdez was the director for naval and commercial construction in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ship Programs from January 2000 to January 2002. Her responsibilities included executive oversight of amphibious and auxiliary ship construction and conversion programs and shipbuilding industrial base matters.

Ms. Valdez began her federal career in April 1986 with the Department of the Navy as an engineer-in-training for Submarine Maintenance Engineering Planning and Procurement (SUBMEPP), a detachment of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. From 1986 to 2000, she held various positions within NAVSEA, including deputy director for technical operations for the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Headquarters office and senior project engineer in the Fast Attack Submarine Program Office. In 1996, Ms. Valdez was competitively selected for the NAVSEA Commander's Development Program (CDP), the premier full-time leadership development program.

Ms. Valdez graduated from the University of New Mexico in December 1985 where she earned a bachelor's of science degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1994, she completed the Program Management course from the Defense Systems Management College where she acquired DAWIA Level III certification in Program Management. Ms. Valdez also earned a master's of science degree in Management from Florida Institute of Technology in April 1998. Ms. Valdez was awarded the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and has received numerous recognitions and performance awards throughout her career. She is also a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.