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## **Dennis K. Therning**



### **Associate Director of Research for Business Operations and the Comptroller Naval Research Laboratory**

Mr. Therning is the Associate Director of Research (ADOR) for Business Operations and the Comptroller of the Naval Research Laboratory. He provides the executive direction and technical leadership of five business support divisions totaling over 500 government employees and contractors. Mr. Therning serves as the NRL Comptroller, with significant responsibilities pertaining to the full-spectrum of financial management of a Working Capital Fund activity with over \$1 billion in customer order funding. Additionally, he leads and manages the Business Operations Directorate, including the Financial Management Division, Contracting Division, Supply and Information Services Division, Research and Development Services Division, and the Management Information Systems Office, ensuring support of NRL's economic environment, research community, and scientific mission.

In March 2000, Mr. Therning was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

Mr. Therning has 29 years of Federal Service.

From June 1996 to March 2000, Mr. Therning served as the Director, Financial Management Division, Naval Research Laboratory. In this capacity he provided financial management leadership and oversight, including the budgeting and accounting functions for the Working Capital Fund operations. He provided advice to the Commanding Officer and Director of Research on all fiscal matters, and supervised a workforce of over 80 civilians.

From September 1995 to June 1996, Mr. Therning served as the Head, Revolving and Other Funds Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller). He led the budget formulation and execution of the DoN Defense Business Operation Fund activities, including 17 activity groups within seven different business areas. The DoN DBOF Budget managed by the Branch covered about \$22 billion; 130,000 civilian employees and over 4,000 military end strength.

From December 1991 to September 1995, Mr. Therning performed the dual roles as the Director of the Defense Business Operations Fund Resources Management Division of the Comptroller Directorate, Space and Naval

Warfare Systems Command; and was the Financial Manager of the Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center.

Mr. Therning began his Federal career in 1980 in the Cooperative Education program as a budget analyst at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California. He held various positions of progressive responsibility leading to his selection in 1985 for a one-year assignment in the Office of the Director of Navy Laboratories (DNL), Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the Naval Scientist Training and Exchange Program. He remained on the DNL staff as a budget analyst until 1987 when he was appointed Budget Officer of the DNL's seven research and development centers. This position was restructured to become the Budget Officer/Head of the Navy Industrial Fund Budget and Manpower Branch of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. He continued providing financial management leadership of the seven DNL centers with a combined budget of over \$3.6 billion and over 24,000 civilian and military positions until 1991 when the DoN reorganized the R&D centers and other activities into today's warfare center structure.

Mr. Therning attended Washington State University and graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) in business administration/finance. He also holds a master's in business administration from George Mason University.

Mr. Therning received the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 2008. Additionally, he received the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) 2008 Improvement of Financial Management Internal Controls Award. He received SES Performance Awards in 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002. He also received the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Award in 2006.