
Karla J. Horn



Comptroller/Business Resource Manager Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Ms. Karla Horn became Comptroller and Business Resource Manager of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in June 2014. As a direct report to the Commander of SPAWAR, she advises the Command and its associated Navy Program Executive Offices (Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence; Enterprise Information Systems; and Space Systems) in all matters pertaining to financial management and business resources. In this position she is the SPAWAR “CFO,” leading a community of more than 400 military and government financial managers accountable for the \$8 billion of funding the SPAWAR Corporation is entrusted with annually. Ms. Horn entered the SES in November, 2012.

In her previous position, Ms. Horn served as Associate Director for Ground, Sea, and Other Programs for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)), Investment Directorate. She oversaw all budgeting and execution of DoD procurement and RDT&E funding for ships, vehicles, missile defense, special operations forces, information technology, National Guard and Reserve equipment, and the Defense Agencies and participated on numerous acquisition teams and senior working groups. From 2008-2012, she was the lead senior budget analyst in OUSD(C) for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund efforts totaling up to \$12 billion annually and led the establishment of a senior level oversight committee within the Department as directed by Congress. She also led the financial efforts for the Building Partnership Capacity portfolio. From 2004-2008, she held various positions, including Budget Officer, at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. She oversaw the budgeting and execution of over \$6 billion of appropriated and working capital funds and led a staff of 25. She was a budget analyst for 16 years with the Navy Comptroller and OUSDC as lead for numerous programs including Shipbuilding, Flying Hour Program, and various Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps operating accounts.

Ms. Horn has a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, 2000; a Master of Public Administration degree from Indiana State University, 1988; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from Southern Illinois University, 1986. She completed the Defense Leadership and Management Program in May 2009. She received the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in March 2011. She is a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.