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Joy M. White is the executive director for the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) and the head of contractor activity (HCA) for the United States Space Force, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. She is the principal assistant to the program executive officer for space for acquisition strategies, portfolio management, and program execution. She acts for and with the commander in the execution of an annual budget of \$9 billion to develop and deliver capabilities that provide the warfighter agile, integrated, resilient, and protected effects in space to meet critical national imperatives. She leads a workforce of approximately 6,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel to enable the Space Warfighting Construct, preparing the nation to fight and win a conflict in space. Additionally, as the HCA, she works on behalf of the secretary of the Air Force and the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisitions to expedite the development of business processes and contracting solutions to capitalize on rapid acquisition of space assets in today's competitive-space economy.

A member of the Senior Executive Service, White entered federal service in 1985 as a Copper Cap contracting intern at the SMC. She earned her contracting officer warrant, becoming a contracting officer for GPS. In 1992, she transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, serving an eight-year tenure in a variety of positions. In this role, she gained hands-on experience in law and regulatory analysis, spearheaded two joint service committees, and spent several years in the Systems Acquisition Division, advising acquisition leadership on a wide range of strategies for programs including Global Hawk, Predator, F-15, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, and GPS.

Prior to her current position, White was the SMC director of contracting, leading a workforce of more than 300 in the implementation of Better Buying Power initiatives, resulting in significant savings that enabled increased mission capabilities. She was responsible for executing an average annual budget of \$8 billion and managing more than 600 active contracts valued at \$80 billion. She also gained experience as the deputy director of contracting for the Missile Defense Agency, where she guided a cadre of more than 200 contracting professionals at five locations in the execution of contracts totaling approximately \$9 billion annually. She provided acquisition advice to senior leadership and interacted frequently with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and congressional staff offices.