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Steffanie Easter is Vice President of Strategy and Planning for the Defense Systems Group at Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC).

Before joining SAIC in 2020, she was previously the Director of Navy Staff, for the United States Navy, becoming the first civilian to hold the position. In this role, she served as the senior civilian and coordinated enterprise level efforts across the OPNAV staff and ensured alignment of more than 400 Flag Officers and Senior Executives while providing indispensable advice and support to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy.



Throughout her career, Ms. Easter served in a variety of challenging and high impact positions. She served as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT) and the Principal Deputy to the ASA(ALT). She was responsible for leading the Army acquisition workforce and supervising Army acquisition, research and development and logistics endeavors within the Army acquisition enterprise.

Ms. Easter also served as the Executive Director for the F-35 Joint Program Office, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, Assistant Commander for Acquisition for Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), and Deputy Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs.

She is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and holds a Master of Science degree in Engineering from the Catholic University of America. Ms. Easter received the 2019 Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from both Universities.

Ms. Easter has been awarded the Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Army Exceptional Civilian Service Award, the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award, the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, and the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Additionally, she is the recipient of the 2010 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Professional Achievement and the 2009 National Women of Color Award for Managerial Leadership.