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Ms. Teresa Kless, a member of the career Senior Executive Service (SES), is the Director of Acquisition, Contracts and Logistics Directorate and Component Acquisition Executive (CAE) for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Ms. Kless guides annual acquisition strategies for the entire acquisition portfolio valued at over \$1B, providing the Department of Defense's Service Components, Combatant Commands, the U.S. Interagency and international partners with leading-edge capabilities to counter and deter adversary use of Weapons of Mass destruction and emerging threats. She establishes and implements policy and procedures, and monitors compliance in the areas of acquisition, contracts, logistics, engineering,

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Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Kless served as the DTRA Comptroller. Her responsibilities included the oversight and management of budgetary, financial, audit and force allocation issues. She issued financial policy, while optimizing the quality, efficiency, and customer focus of financial services and operations. She oversaw the execution of over \$2B annually across five appropriations. Since arriving at DTRA in 2008, Ms. Kless held various roles including Deputy Comptroller, Chief of Budget Control and Integration Branch, and Staff Director for Financial Management in the Chemical/Biological Technologies Department, Research and Development Directorate.

Ms. Kless has over 35 years of experience in DoD. She began her career as an intern at Sierra Army Depot. She also held positions at U.S. Army Depot Systems Command, U.S. Army Audit Agency, Naval Supply Systems Command, Office of Naval Research and Marine Corps Systems Command.

Ms. Kless holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Central Missouri State University. She is a licensed CPA, a Level 3 Acquisition professional and holds a Level 3 Defense Financial Management Certification. Ms. Kless' awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Department of Army Achievement Medal for Civil Service.