



BARBARA RICHON
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Ms. Barbara Richon assumed the position of Deputy Regional Director, Western Region, Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) in May 2022. Ms. Richon serves as the principle advisor to the Regional Director and shares full authority and responsibility for total management and operations of DCAA's resources within the Western Region. She is responsible for the execution of the Agency's mission and strategically leads approximately 700 employees in providing mission-critical contract audit and financial advisory services to the Department of Defense (DoD) as well as other Executive Departments and foreign governments. She oversees and manages an annual operating budget of approximately \$85 million.

Ms. Richon has 20 years of extensive experience in government auditing and financial management. In Ms. Richon's first year as Deputy Regional Director, Western Region, the Region saw \$735 million of audit findings sustained. Ms. Richon served as the Deputy Director for the Northrop Grumman Corporate Audit Directorate (CAD), responsible for managing the audit execution at one of the largest defense contractors. She possesses years of federal experience, as well as experience in corporate accounting. Ms. Richon previously served as Chief of the Policy Directorate's Incurred Cost Division, where she gained a strategic-level perspective and was instrumental in developing policies, guidelines and standards on contract auditing with impact across the entire DoD. Her DCAA accomplishments include leading a team tasked to review current practices and make recommendations for audit staff time charges during audits of contractor proposals. She was also instrumental in writing the report to the congressional defense committees detailing the plan for DCAA's first ever contracting for commercial audit services.

Prior to joining DCAA, Ms. Richon spent over 10 years in various accounting roles, including financial analyst and assistant controller. She joined DCAA in September 2004 and served as an Auditor in the Springfield, Va. branch office. In 2008, she was selected to serve as a supervisory auditor and in 2010 as branch manager. Ms. Richon was competitively selected in 2014 for the Defense Senior Leader Development Program and the Air War College. Following the war college, Ms. Richon served at the OSD's Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis (PARCA) as a Senior Analyst. From 2016 to 2021, Ms. Richon served as the Chief of the Policy Directorate's Incurred Cost Division and in 2021 she was selected as the Deputy Director, Northrop Grumman CAD.

Ms. Richon holds a Masters in Policy Management from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. and a Masters in Strategic Studies from Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Al. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Widener University, Chester, PA. She is a graduate of the Defense Senior Leader Development Program and her certifications include Level III - DoD Financial Management Certification and Certified DAWIA Defense Acquisition - Auditing. She has received numerous awards and recognition of excellent performance throughout her distinguished career with the Department of Defense.
