**Carla R. Hamilton**

**Personal Bio**

Ms. Hamilton is an Acquisition Management and Planning Lead for the Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency (MDA) under the mission to develop and deploy a layered Ballistic Missile Defense System to defend the United States, its deployed forces, allies, and friends from ballistic missile attacks of all ranges in all phases of flight. One of her most recent accomplishments was a $2 billion dollar system engineering Advisory and Assistance Services award. Prior she served as the MDA liaison to the Department of Energy laboratories on all acquisition actions and Co-lead for the Directorate of Engineering Integrated Product Team Services Requirements Review Board Component Level Advisory Group to examine over $390 million dollar Inter/Intra-agency acquisition services requirements. Additional assignments over her career have involved working in the MDA Engineering & Support Services Directorate, Advanced Technology Directorate, Sensors Directorate, Targets and Countermeasures Directorate and Directorate of Acquisition Policy.

Ms. Hamilton previously worked for many years in the private industry ending her career tenure as an Assistant Branch Manager. She excelled at managing a very diverse portfolio, tailored customer solutions, built strategic business partnerships and enhanced member relations. She also had leadership responsibility of branch staff.

Throughout her career, Ms. Hamilton has been a strategic leader in initiatives to increase diversity across the military and civilian work forces. She served as a representative on the MDA Director’s Diversity, Wellness, and Morale Advisory Council as a voice for the workforce to identify and communicate the diversity management, wellness, and employee engagement issues faced by the MDA personnel to the MDA Senior Executive Leadership and make recommendations on potential resolutions which impacted over 28,000 individuals. She currently serves on the Federally Employed Women’s (FEW) National Mentoring Committee to assist members on becoming resilient in times of change and helping members plan, develop, and manage their own careers.

Ms. Hamilton is a Diamond Lifetime Member of FEW. She is the Southeast Assistant Regional Manager and continues to expand the FEW focus areas of Compliance, Diversity, Legislative and Training initiatives in the Southeast Region. She successful spearheaded the first virtual Southeast Regional Training Program in 2021 and initiated the Southeast Strong Leadership and Diversity Series where monthly Senior Executive Service members speak to the Southeast Region. She has participated in the FEW National Virtual Leadership Summit I and II as a professional investment.

Ms. Hamilton is the President of the second oldest chapter in FEW, the North Alabama Chapter. She piloted the revitalization of this 50-year-old chapter in the midst of a national pandemic by nearly doubling its membership in size since 2020. The North Alabama Chapter has received several FEW National Awards during her tenure as Chapter President. She provides oversight, leadership, direction and guidance to nearly 40 members, ensuring the effective organization and integration required to sustain a vibrant chapter.

Ms. Hamilton holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from the University of North Alabama. A Master’s Degree in Acquisition and Contract Management from Florida Institute of Technology and a Systems Engineering Certificate from the Naval Postgraduate School. She is a member of the National Contract Management Association, American Society of Military Comptrollers, and Senior Executive Association. She is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certified in Program Management and a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.