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Ms. O'Neill is currently a procurement analyst with the Contract Management Division in the Office of Procurement at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters. In this position she is working on the President's Management Agenda item, Competitive Sourcing, for the Agency.

Previous to this position, Ms. O'Neill was the Director of the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI), an organization responsible for facilitating and promoting a professional acquisition workforce government-wide. As lead for this organization, she oversaw the development of the first joint web-based training program in collaboration with the Defense Acquisition University, development of standards for a government-wide acquisition training curriculum, establishment of a college procurement curriculum, establishment of competencies/skills for the acquisition workforce, creation of a corporate university policy, as well as sponsorship of numerous seminars and conferences.

From 1996 to 1998, Ms. O'Neill was the Acting Director for Acquisition Policy and Programs at the Department of Commerce. In this capacity, she directed the activities of the Department's procurement policy office, created an acquisition career development program, and represented the Department of Commerce on the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council. From 1988 to 1996, she held several positions within the Office of Procurement at NASA Headquarters, including procurement analyst positions in Program Operations and Procurement Policy offices.

Ms. O'Neill has published several articles on procurement and career development issues in the *Federal Times* and the National Contract Management Association magazine, *Contract Management*, and has been a guest speaker at numerous conferences.

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