

Jennifer Barnidge

Deputy Director for Small Business, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)



Ms. Jennifer Barnidge serves as NSWC IHD's Deputy Director for Small Business. As DSB, Ms. Barnidge is the chief advisor to the Commanding Officer in directing and implementing the warfare center's small business program and serves as the single point of contact for all NSWC IHD

small business matters. Ms. Barnidge is responsible for recommending opportunities to increase access for small business and advising on acquisition strategies and strategic sourcing for procurements. Ms. Barnidge leads various outreach efforts and strategic initiatives to identify and expand the competitive base of small business firms, promoting partnerships between the command's technical workforce and Industry to fulfill mission requirements. Ms. Barnidge joined the command in 2010. Appointed as Deputy Director by DON OSBP in May 2019, Ms. Barnidge has over 25 years in Navy acquisitions. Prior to leading IHD's Office of Small Business Programs, Ms. Barnidge served as a Contracting Officer/Contracts Department 023 Team Lead, overseeing requirements for PMS 408, D

Department, Joint Staff, and NAVSEA HQ. In 2016, Ms. Barnidge became dual-hatted upon selection for the appointment of Alternate Deputy Director for Small Business.

Prior to her roles at Indian Head, Ms. Barnidge worked in Contracts at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) executing innovative research and development projects, including Broad Agency Announcements for Science and Technology Projects, Small Business Innovative Research, and Small Business Technology Transfers programs. Ms. Barnidge began her federal contracting career with a small business firm at NRL supporting acquisitions within the Center for Biomolecular Science & Engineering & Chemistry Division.

Ms. Barnidge has been recognized by NAVSEA for her achievements in increasing overall small business participation for the command and her commitment to successfully achieving assigned goals in socio-economic categories. As a life-long resident of Southern Maryland, Ms. Barnidge is driven by the opportunities in her leadership role to build strong, working relationships within the community and with local small businesses to promote the warfare center's mission.

Ms. Barnidge holds a Master of Science in Management with a specialization in Contract and Procurement and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maryland. She is DAWIA Level III certified in Contracting and Program Management and is Acquisition Professional Membership certified.