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Ms. Colleen Nickles
Vice President of Finance and Administration, Naval Postgraduate School

Ms. Colleen Nickles, Vice President, is the chief administrative officer for Finance and Administration at the Naval Postgraduate School. Her responsibilities include providing vision and leadership for a number of academic support services to the campus, and representing NPS with external parties on financial and administrative issues. She has organizational responsibility for the Comptroller's Office, Command Evaluation, Resource Planning and Management, and financial systems support. She is the executive sponsor for the implementation of the Quali Financial System at NPS. Vice President Nickles is a member of the NPS senior leadership team, serving on the Provost's Council and the President's Executive Council. She currently serves on the NPS Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Steering Committee and the Educational Effectiveness Task Force, and participates with WASC as an evaluator for other institutions.

Ms. Nickles has a Masters Degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of California, Berkeley, and an undergraduate degree in Business Education from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. She has spent the past 25 years of her career in serving higher education institutions. Before assuming the title of Vice President, Ms. Nickles was a Special Advisor to the President at NPS for financial and administrative matters. Previous to her service at NPS, she was Assistant Vice Chancellor for Financial Services in the Chancellor's Office of the California State University, with responsibility for Accounting, Sponsored Programs, Contracts and Procurement, Risk Management, External Finance, Cash Management, Banking, and Investments for the 23 campus system. Ms. Nickles spent 17 years with the University of California in budget, finance, cash management, and administrative roles in the Treasurer's Office, the Office of the President, and the San Francisco campus. During her 7 years with the California State University, she also served as Associate Vice President and Auxiliary Director for the Monterey Bay campus of the California State University.