

Jennifer Santos

Commission Biography



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Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
Committee***

Ms. Jennifer Santos is currently the Principal Director for Strategic Initiatives at Draper. Jennifer brings more than 25 years of national security leadership experience, having served as a tri-sector leader, across the executive branch, legislative branch, and industry. Jennifer is also adjunct professor at the

Defense Acquisition University and teaches at the National Defense University.

Most recently, Jennifer served as the naval research and development investment executive for the Department of the Navy, responsible for leading the creation of an investment strategy across multiple technology sectors. Previously, Jennifer served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, responsible for executing the defense production act, serving on the committee for foreign investment in the United States, and leading other industrial base investments.

Earlier in her career, Jennifer served as vice president for Air Force and DoD innovation at consulting firm Cypress International; as a professional staff member on the United States Senate Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Defense; and in a finance and acquisitions role in the Department of the Air Force.

Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Wheeling Jesuit University and a Master of Business Administration in aerospace from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

