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Mrs. Schoonover is the Center Director, Executive Development. In this position she provides all of DSMC's executive and program management courses. She joined the faculty of the Defense Acquisition University, School of Program Managers in September of 2007 as the Course Manager for the Executive Program Manager's Course. She supports other executive courses as both a Learning Team Mentor and as an instructor and serves as an executive coach.

Mrs. Schoonover retired from the United States Air Force as a colonel with 25 years of service, including over 21 years in acquisition and program management. Her operational tours include several aircraft maintenance positions as well as Chief, Logistics Plans at Osan AB, Korea. In acquisition, she worked on several ACAT IC/D space and tactical missile programs and at the Air Force Systems Command headquarters and on the Air Staff. She served as the Director of Logistics, Short Range Attack Missile II program and as Program Manager for the Inertial Upper Stage space booster. She was the Deputy Director for the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System and the Director of Space and C3I at Ogden Air Logistics Center. She has also served as Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and as the Senior Military Advisor the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Prior to joining DAU, Mrs. Schoonover served as an industry executive holding corporate strategy and business development positions with the Raytheon Company. She represented the company on the National Security Space Committee of the Aerospace Industries Association and on the strategic forecast team for the Government Electronics and Information Technology Association. She also served as the industry representative on the Interim Review Panel of the Defense Acquisition Process Assessment team.

Mrs. Schoonover is certified at Level III in Program Management and in Acquisition Logistics. She holds master's degrees in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and in National Resource Management from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.